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"FREE STATE DID NOT ENTER BRITISH EMPIRE VOLUNTARILY"

RADICAL REFORM OF LEAGUE

Demand By Italy.

WAR DEBT PAYMENT TO AMERICA

Rome, To-day.
The Fascist Grand Council, attended by the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, and all the Cabinet Ministers, have decided that Italy's continued membership of the League of Nations should be dependent on the radical reform of the Constitution and objectives of the League to be effected in the shortest possible time.

The Council agreed to make a war debt payment, on December 15, of U.S.\$1,000,000 to the United States as proof of goodwill, and in anticipation of a final settlement. — Reuter.

Rome, Later.
The decision of the Fascist Grand Council has occasioned no surprise, but it was not expected that the demand would be so peremptory.

It is understood that Italy favours the revision of the League constitution on three lines.
Firstly, the curtailment of the rights of the smaller Powers to vote on problems which only partially affect them.

Secondly, a simplification of the League's procedure, as it is considered that the protraction of discussion and the multiplication of committees make progress virtually impossible.

Thirdly, the liberation of the framework of the Versailles Treaty and other post-war treaties which, it is considered, make the League an instrument for the preservation of the gains of victor nations under the domination of Great Britain and France.

It is not expected that any further action will follow in the near future. — Reuter.

FRANCO-GERMAN UNDERSTANDING?

Hitler Anxious For Agreement.

PROGRESS IN BERLIN ON DISARMAMENT

Berlin, To-day.
The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Philipps, yesterday had an hour's talk on Disarmament with Chancellor Hitler, who reiterated his desire to come to an understanding with France as quickly as possible.

The Ambassador emphasised the British Government's anxiety to see France and Germany arrive at an agreement on Disarmament and on all other outstanding questions.

It is learned that the German Government is now awaiting a move by the new French Government, as to its standpoint in the recent conversations between Herr Hitler and the French Ambassador, which require a reply from France. — Reuter.

TAXES ON WEALTHY.

Increases Recommended By Congress Committee.

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Washington, To-day.
The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee has recommended tax changes, sharply increasing the taxes on the wealthy and also raising the tax dividends on capital gains and losses. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.



Mr. J. H. THOMAS.

LITVINOFF'S ACHIEVEMENTS EXAGGERATED

No New Pacts With Mussolini.

VATICAN DISAPPOINTED WITH SOVIET

Rome, To-day.
The conclusion of the visit of the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinoff, who left for Berlin at 8.45 p.m. yesterday, shows that the conversations were not so far-reaching as made out in some quarters.

There has been no talk of a seven or five Power pact or any other such dramatic moves.
The main achievement was to establish a continuity of the Soviet-Italian views rather than any definite decisions.

Signor Gayda, commonly regarded as the mouthpiece of Signor Mussolini writing in the *Gazzetta D'Italia* states: "Both countries love a clear situation, concrete facts and definite solutions. Both will not fail in the universal collective action to concentrate policy on direct relations and solutions."

The Vatican reconciliation with the Soviet seems as far off as ever.
The United States Postmaster General, Mr. James A. Farley, denies acted as an intermediary, but undoubtedly the Vatican looked to him to explain the alleged Soviet religious concession to America.

"The Vatican is disappointed with the explanation and considers that the concession is quite insubstantial." — Reuter.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY USE

Nanking Drafts New Contract.

NEGOTIATIONS PENDING

Nanking, To-day.
In view of the fact that the Sino-British contract for the joint use of the Canton-Kowloon Railway has expired, the Nanking Ministry of Railways has decided to send an official to Canton to consult the Canton authorities as to steps to be taken to start negotiations with the British authorities for the conclusion of a new contract.

The Nanking Ministry of Railways has drawn up a draft contract which is intended for discussion with the British authorities. — Central News Agency.

DE VALERA'S REPLY TO J. H. THOMAS

DOMINIONS NOT TO BE DRAGGED IN

BRITAIN STILL OFFERS HONOURABLE SETTLEMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT ON IRELAND MADE BY THE DOMINIONS' SECRETARY, MR. J. H. THOMAS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. GEORGE LANSBURY, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, ASKED WHETHER THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH WERE TO BE CONSULTED.

Mr. Thomas replied that the Government was determined not close the door of honourable settlement. The Government did not desire to drag other Dominions into the dispute which originated because the Irish Free State repudiated Treaty obligations, he said.

No-one could refer to any member leaving the Commonwealth without realising that the other Dominions must be affected.

He hoped the contingency would not arise, but if it did, the House of Commons would be informed of the whole situation. He trusted that no one would say anything to embitter the situation.

Mr. C. T. de Water the South African High Commissioner, and Mr. J. W. Dulaney, the Free State High Commissioner heard the statement. — Reuter.

DE VALERA'S REPLY TO THOMAS

Statement In Commons

London, To-day.
The Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. J. H. Thomas, yesterday afternoon read to the House of Commons a despatch received from Mr. De Valera and the reply which had been sent to him.
In his despatch Mr. De Valera referred to the statement made by Mr. Thomas in the House of Commons on November 14 calling attention to the fact that the Bills then before the Free State Parliament conflicted with the Anglo-Irish Treaty, and expressing the desire of the British Government to see the Irish Free State taking her full share as a member of the Commonwealth, of her own free will accepting its responsibilities and enjoying its privileges.

Mr. De Valera said the Irish people had never sought membership of the Commonwealth. Their association with Great Britain and the Commonwealth had never, on their side, been voluntary.
In every generation they had striven to maintain their right to exist as a distinct and independent nation, and whenever they yielded (Continued on Page 7).

"FREE STATE IN GRAVE DANGER."

Aggression Of Another Country.

Dublin, To-day.
"The Irish Free State is in the midst of grave danger caused by the aggression of another country," declared Mr. Eamon De Valera, President of the Free State, replying to a deputation yesterday.
Every act of disorder and indiscipline was an incitement to the aggressors to continue to intensify their aggression, he said.
He therefore urged all patriotic Irishmen to use their influence to maintain peace and order and to secure the concentration of national energy on the important work of building up the economic life of the country and achieving its independence. — Reuter.

STOCKS SOAR ON WALL ST. AFTER LULL

RISE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

"ROOSEVELT WILL CONTROL CONGRESS"

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New York, To-day.
Following the period of inactivity during the last week, stocks advanced sharply on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Industrials soared 3 to 6 points, while rails also recorded good advances.

Utilities and bonds advanced .68 and .49 to 23.88 and 81.61 respectively. Business was brisk, 2,010,000 shares being traded.

The silver market opened quiet. The lower London parity and the decline on the Shanghai market offset the rally in the sterling exchange. Most trades were centred on the March position.

New York traders anticipate the continuation of yesterday's rise. Bankers feel that President Roosevelt will control Congress when it convenes in January, and that therefore there will not be any "green-back" issue despite inflation rumours.

Wall Street generally does not want printing press money, but wants business recovery to be based on sound principles. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION OF STOCK EXCHANGES?

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Washington, Yesterday.
Senator Fletcher yesterday visited the White House, after which he predicted the enactment of legislation providing for Federal regulation of the Stock Exchanges. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

CREDIT EXPANSION.

New York Bank Sells Stock To R.F.C.

New York, To-day.
In furtherance of President Roosevelt's plan to strengthen the capital structures of banks preparatory to credit expansion for the benefit of industry, the National City Bank of New York is selling U.S.\$50,000,000 of preferred stock to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. — Reuter.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

Court-Martial Sentence On Lincoln's Private.

Private Arthur Ransome of the 1st Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment, who was found guilty, by a Military Court Martial, on November 27, of being absent from barracks without leave, has been sentenced to 56 days' detention and ordered to pay a fine of ten shillings.

Sensational Increase In American Exports To Japan

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Washington, To-day.
American exports to Japan, particularly cotton, are soaring. In consequence, United States officials are most interested in the dollar-yen rates, which are expected to vitally influence the ultimate fixation of the American dollar's value.
It is revealed that Japan's purchases of United States control for the first three months of the exporting season exceeded Britain's exports by 86 per cent. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

STABILISATION OF DOLLAR WITH STERLING URGED

U. S. Chamber Of Commerce President's Proposals

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Sacramento, To-day.
Mr. Henry Harriman, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, speaking to the Chambers of the President Western Division, yesterday, proposed the re-establishment of the dollar, the re-establishment of a fixed bullion gold standard, and an endeavour to stabilise the dollar with the pound. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

MEXICAN PLAN TO BOOST SILVER PRICE

AT PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

WOULD INCREASE PURCHASING POWER OF CHINA

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Montevideo, To-day.
Most of the delegations attending the Pan-American Conference here favour the inclusion of silver on the Conference agenda.

The Mexicans are pushing a programme seeking: —
Firstly, bimetallicism and stabilisation.
Secondly, the basing of monetary policies on internal price levels.
Thirdly, uniformity in central banking.

Fourthly, the creation of an inter-American Clearing and Compensation Chamber, obviating unnecessary gold movements.
Fifthly, the inclusion of silver among bank reserves.
Sixthly, the control of currency markets.

Seventhly, the standardisation of a credit medium.
Experts claim that the programme would vastly increase the purchasing power of China, India and other silver holders and would likewise strengthen the gold standard countries. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

BRITAIN'S SOUND FINANCES.

Expenditure More Than \$53,000,000 Less.

London, To-day.
The latest Treasury returns show that ordinary revenue for the current financial year up to December 2 amounted to £376,183,440. At the corresponding date of last year the amount stood at £364,877,567.

Ordinary expenditure to date for the current year totalled £468,788,277 as compared with £519,964,840 at the corresponding date of last year. — British Wireless Service.

LINDBERGH'S OFF FOR BRAZIL

Flight Over Southern Atlantic.

Bathurst, Gambia, To-day.
Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh took off at 2 a.m. on their trans-Atlantic flight to Natal, Brazil. — Reuter.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh, who are returning home by easy stages, arrived in Bathurst on November 30, having flown from Lisbon, after completing a tour of Europe, via the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands.

PROHIBITION OFFICIALLY DEAD IN AMERICA

Tremendous Toll Of Lives.

\$4,500,000,000 COST SINCE 1919

New York, To-day.
Prohibition in the United States is dead.

The States of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah have ratified repeal. Prohibition is estimated by the "Wets" to have cost the United States \$4,500,000,000 since it was enforced on July 1, 1919.

The lives, including criminals, Prohibition officers, and victims of bad liquor, under prohibition, is believed to have exceeded, per capita, the figures of pre-Prohibition days.

The anti-Prohibitionists estimate the liquor production loss to be 200,000,000 gallons per year. The United States is now faced with the problem of control of the liquor industry. Temperance advocates are urging the substitution of State purchasing and retail monopolies for the licensing system. — Reuter.

SALOON BANNED

Roosevelt Appeals For Legal Drinking.

"OLD MAN PROHIBITION" LYNCHED ON BROADWAY

New York, Later.
President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation, announcing the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment, and calling on citizens to co-operate with the Government in its efforts to restore greater respect for the law by confining their purchases of alcoholic beverages to licensed dealers or agencies.

The President urged that no State should authorise the return of the saloon, either in the old style or in a modern guise. "We must remove for ever the menace of the bootlegger and others who profited at the expense of a good Government and law and order," he said.

The news that Utah had ratified repeal was flashed by telegraph and radio throughout the country.
The lynching of "Old Man Prohibition" from a flagpole was the signal for an outburst of rejoicing on Broadway.

The effigy was placed in a plain coffin and was drawn through Broadway by a camel. Supplies of liquor and wine were plentiful and the many new cocktail, which proved the most popular, which proved the most popular. — Reuter.

BRITISH TEXTILE MACHINERY

Big Purchases By Japan.

\$14,332,000 IN 12 YEARS TO FAR EAST

London, To-day.
During the 12 years from 1921 to 1932 the declared value of domestic exports of textile machinery and parts thereof from the United Kingdom to Japan, including Formosa and the Japanese leased territories, and to China, aggregated \$14,332,000, according to figures quoted by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, in the House of Commons, yesterday.

Exports of other machinery for the same period valued \$14,859,000, he said. — Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



DEVILISH DEVICES IN FASHION

Epidemic Of Black Devilskin.

One of the most popular models of the recent dress-show epidemic was the black Devilskin. This has resulted in a little army of black devils all fastening with the same devilish devices.

The side opening closes with triangular slabs of what looks like shiny tar or they are dull like charcoal. The belt is black rubber, with another strange black slab to fasten it in the centre. Devilskin material is a shiny crepe satin "blistered" all over like scales.

Summer Gloves To Stay For Winter.

The open-work crochet gloves of summer are not to be relinquished. They have been copied in wool, more closely worked, and are at present in brown, blue and black.

Luxury Fabrics In Request

Ribbed Woollens And Silks Important.

WONDERFUL VARIETY OF FANCY WEAVES

The beauty of any fabric is dependent upon quality, and buying quality always pays. A chain is as strong as its weakest link, and this may well be applied to fabrics. If the fabric weakens labour and detail in dressmaking are just so much wasted effort.

Satin

Satin couldn't wait for autumn and winter to catch the highlights of the mode. It "belated" into the fashion picture with self-assurance for mid-season and came to stay. Fashion has become more elegant and satin will see you smoothly through many hours of the day and night.

Ribbed Silks

Ribbed weaves are tremendously important, and bring faille, and bengaline into prominence. The silks delight in rich colours

Stripes Are Back



Stripes? Oh, my yes! They're quite the last word in fashion this season. Here is Joan Marsh, screen actress, sporting a dazzling street frock of red and grey with a dark leather belt and stitched wool hat to match.

and are carrying their spring importance into autumn and winter to "lie up" with the current importance of ribbed surfaces.

Taffeta And Moire

Taffeta and moire for evening gowns will do much to keep the flaring hemlines in their place. They rustle and swish in a very grand manner, too, with never a limp moment.

Dress Woollens

Fancy weaves add a wide variety of interest to the new woollens. Dress woollens go in for shadow checks, blurred plaid weaves and stripings. Crinkled wool crepe is another wrinkle woollens boast about this year. All the fabrics stress ribbed surfaces, and woollens are no exception. The ribbing may be shadowy or sharply defined and there is a bewildering variety to choose from.

Velvets

Velvet is the perfect medium for expressing the elegance of formal fashions. It is a luxury fabric that is flattering, glamorous and altogether charming. Velvet has many moods. It may be transparent one moment and dull the next; but it is always smart. All of which is paradoxical but true—as nothing is more flattering than transparent velvet, and nothing newer and smarter than dull pile velvet.

Corded surfaces, woven checks, diagonal patterns, shadow and pencil stripes are innovations that distinguish new velvets and dramatize their possibilities.

Crepes

"Knotty" crepes achieve grand mixture effects that look rough but are really very soft to the touch. "Fuzzy" surface woollens, like rabbits' hair, are very smart, and so are frosted woollens. Their soft, downy appearance makes them very flattering.

PRACTICAL PERFUME

The flap-jack family has now produced a perfume atomiser for the handbag. It is in all the powder box colours, round-shaped and quite flat.

TRAINS RETURN FOR EVENING GOWNS

Wonderful Artificial Flowers

SOME FROCKS PICTURESQUE BUT UNPRACTICAL

Trains are in again in Paris for formal evening wear. Everybody features them. Molyneux, Schupparelli, Maggy Rouff, Lelong and Marcel Rochas. Wonderful artificial flowers in the most unusual colour contrasts trim one side of the decollete at Molyneux's. Velvet gloves and belts in a deeper shade than the dress or directly contrasting are other highlights of this collection, and sometimes this is completed by a velvet hat.

Marcel Rochas, one of the youngest but most popular couturiers with Paris' younger set of fers most modernistic collection. He labels his clothes as "Dynamic," adding that he was unable to resist the temptation of continuing on the acutely modern theme of built-up shoulders, which he was the first to launch over two years ago, amid a great hue and cry.

His evening clothes are interesting to say the least. Directoire or Merveilleuse in inspiration, they are long, very slim and trailing. The neckline is high in front and generously decollete at the back. They are obviously impractical but highly picturesque, especially when

All-Importance Of Satin

Cannot Be Left Out Of The Picture

RIBBED SATINS AND SILKS HAVE SLIMMING EFFECT

Satin is the shining light for autumn and winter. Black satin has a corner on smartness for afternoon wear. The elegance of the fabric, plus the sheath silhouette, are a combination guaranteed to achieve the ultimate in sleek, flowing lines. After a summer of frivolous cottons, a satin dress will do much to make you feel the grand lady.

Ribbed silks, such as faille and bengaline, are also very important. They are at their best for afternoon dresses, jackets and formal blouses. The vertical line of the ribbing has a slimming effect because it achieves an illusion of lengthened line and added height.

Satin refuses to be left out of any corner of the fashion picture, and ribbed satin takes its place in the leader group of ribbed fabrics that are making autumn and winter fabric fashion history.

completed by a "Milady" hat, wide of brim and trimmed with a sweeping ostrich feather. Some are sleeved, and the skirt is slit almost to the knee in front.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Vermicelli and Cheese
Lamb and Ham Pie
Lentil Salad
Chocolate Sponge

DINNER

Prune, Sago and Claret Soup
Stewed Mushrooms
Baked Meat Loaf
Green Peas
Fried Spinach
Apple Meringue Pie
Vermicelli and Cheese

2 oz. Vermicelli; 3 oz. grated cheese; 1 pint milk; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 egg; 1/2 oz. butter. Slew the vermicelli in the boiling milk for five minutes. Stir in the grated cheese, and allow to cook for another five minutes. Add salt, then take the pan off the cooker. When slightly cooled break the egg, drop the white into a basin and the yolk into the pan. Whip the white to a stiff froth, add to the mixture, and stir. Pour into a buttered dish and bake for about 20 minutes.

Lentil Salad

2 cups boiled lentils; 1 table-spoon minced parsley; 1 cup diced crisp celery; mayonnaise; 1/2 cup finely diced boiled carrots; paprika; salt; water cress. Combine the salad ingredients with mayonnaise to moisten, add salt and paprika to taste, chill and arrange in a bowl lined with the cress. Garnish with a little extra mayonnaise ducted with paprika.

Chocolate Sponge

1 pint milk (boiling); 3 oz. chocolate (powder); 1 oz. gelatine; 8 oz. sugar; 2 eggs; 1 pinch of salt; juice of 1/2 lemon. Dissolve chocolate, pour over it boiling milk. Then add sugar and beaten yolks of eggs and gelatine, softened in 1/2 cup hot water. Cook mixture, gently till it thickens, stirring constantly but do not allow it to boil. When thick remove from cooker.

Beat till it begins to set. Then whisk in the whites of egg (previously beaten stiff). Whip well and turn into wet mould. A pinch of salt and juice of 1/2 lemon improves the flavour.

Stewed Mushrooms

6 oz. Mushrooms; 1/2 pint milk; pepper and salt to taste; 1 oz. butter; 1/2 oz. flour. Place the butter and flour in a small stewpan and stir over a gentle heat until thoroughly mixed. Add the milk and seasonings and stir until it boils. Then place in the mushrooms which have been cleaned and prepared and boil gently until perfectly tender, stirring all the time. They are then ready to serve.

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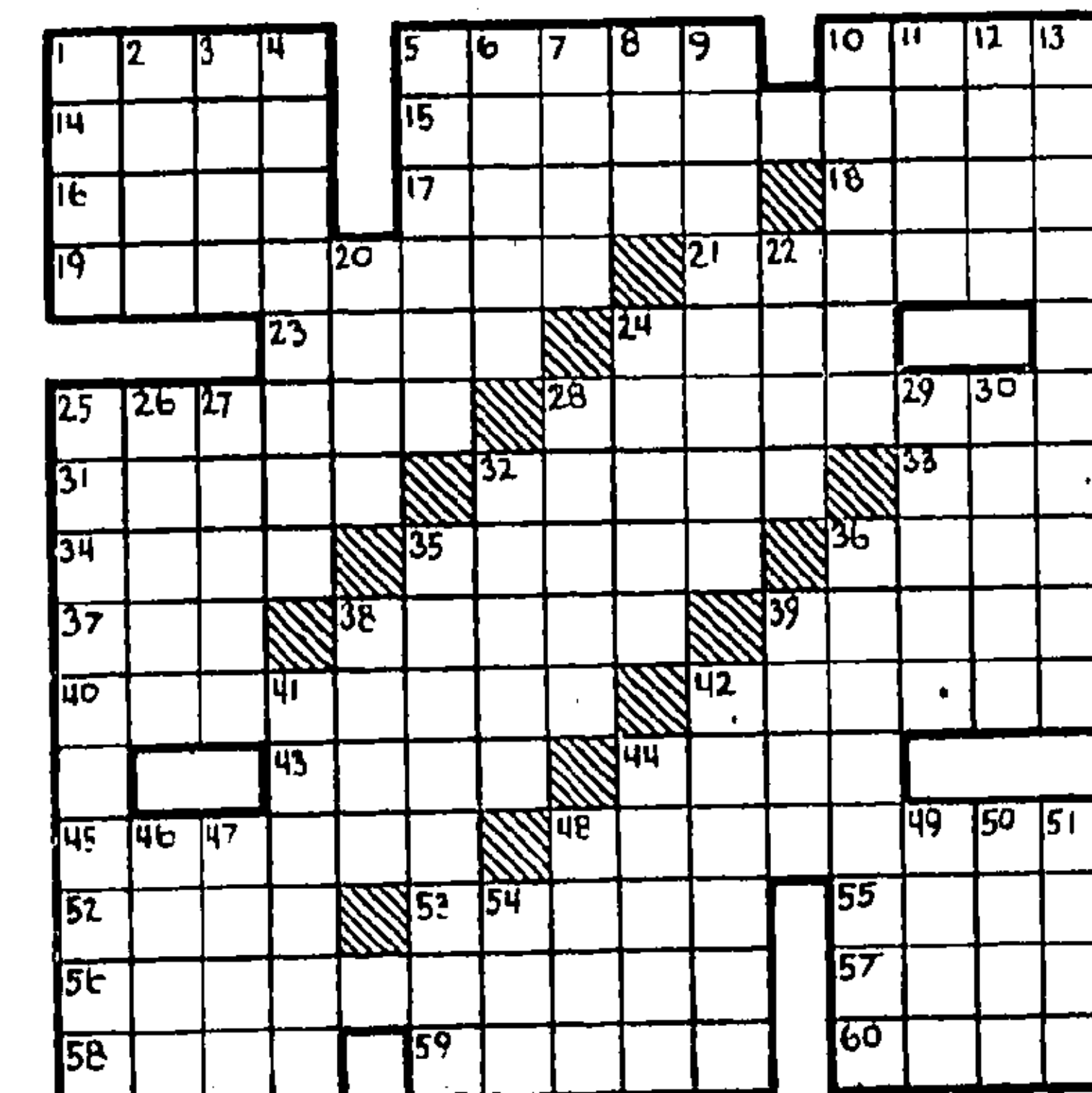


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alib.



HORIZONTAL

1-A fiber used for cordage
5-A bundle of straw
10-Neat
14-Melody
15-Shaped like a spear
16-Food container (pl.)
17-A large sea-duck
18-An insect (pl.)
21-A cooking device (pl.)
23-A grain
24-To take out (Print.)
25-Burns
26-The act of drinking
31-A cover
32-More lucid
33-Fragment of cloth
34-Accessory covering of a seed
35-More terrible
36-Nude
37-To steep, as flax
38-The nest of an eagle
39-Change
40-Perfumes
42-Moves rapidly
43-Soon
44-Opens (Poet.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

45-Teased (Slang)
46-Article of furniture (pl.)
52-Mountains between Europe and Asia
53-A stockade in Russia
55-To make a note of
56-Pertaining to meteorites
57-Not one
58-Pert talk
59-Stone (Scot.)
60-Nibble

VERTICAL

1-A head covering (pl.)
2-Large lake
3-An herb
6-Deposits sleek
6-Filaments
7-Terminates
8-High playing card
9-One who ferrets
10-A heavenly body
11-Resounded
12-It (Obs.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

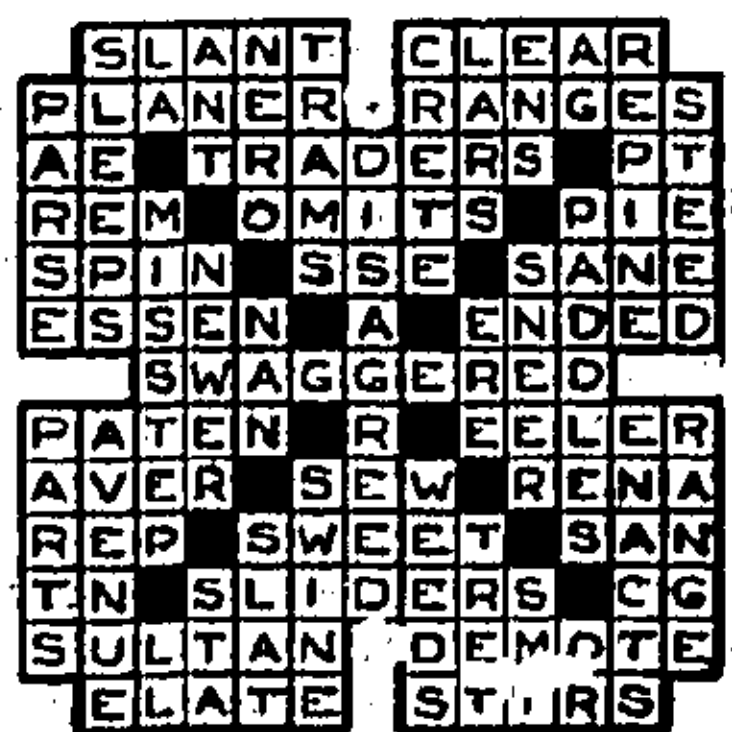
13-Those who go errands
20-A light
22-Wing-shaped
24-One who receives a gift
25-A small drum (pl.)
26-Hearts
27-Leaves out
28-City in France
29-Whirlful
30-Rowed
32-Fog-horn
35-Those who decipher messages
36-A gift of divine favor
38-Girl's name
39-Imitates
41-Large bird of prey (pl.)
42-Species (Obs.)
44-An Old-World plant
45-Open space
46-A ship channel (pl.)
48-Plural of datum
49-English school
50-Girl's name
51-Small duck-like bird
54-A small bird

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

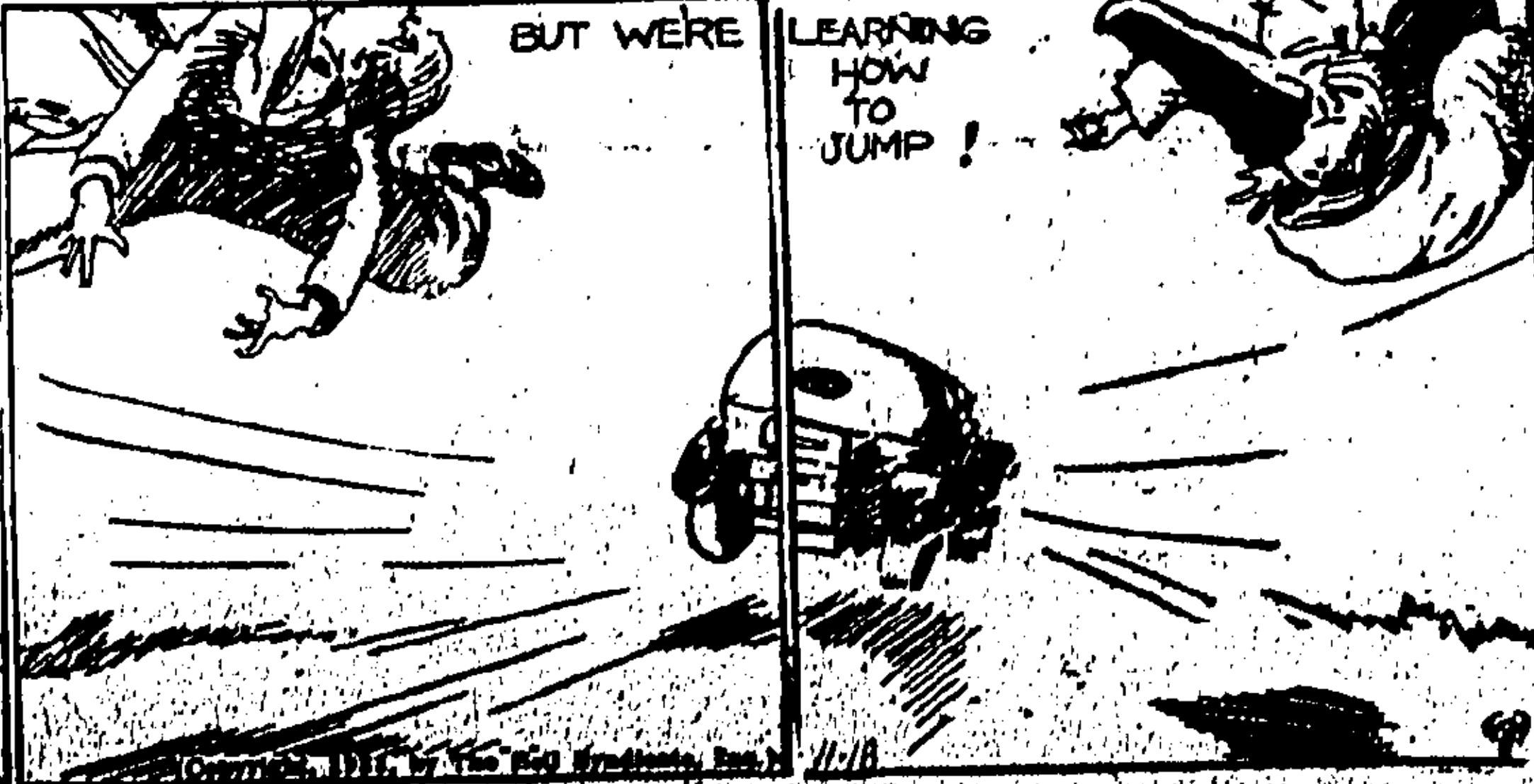
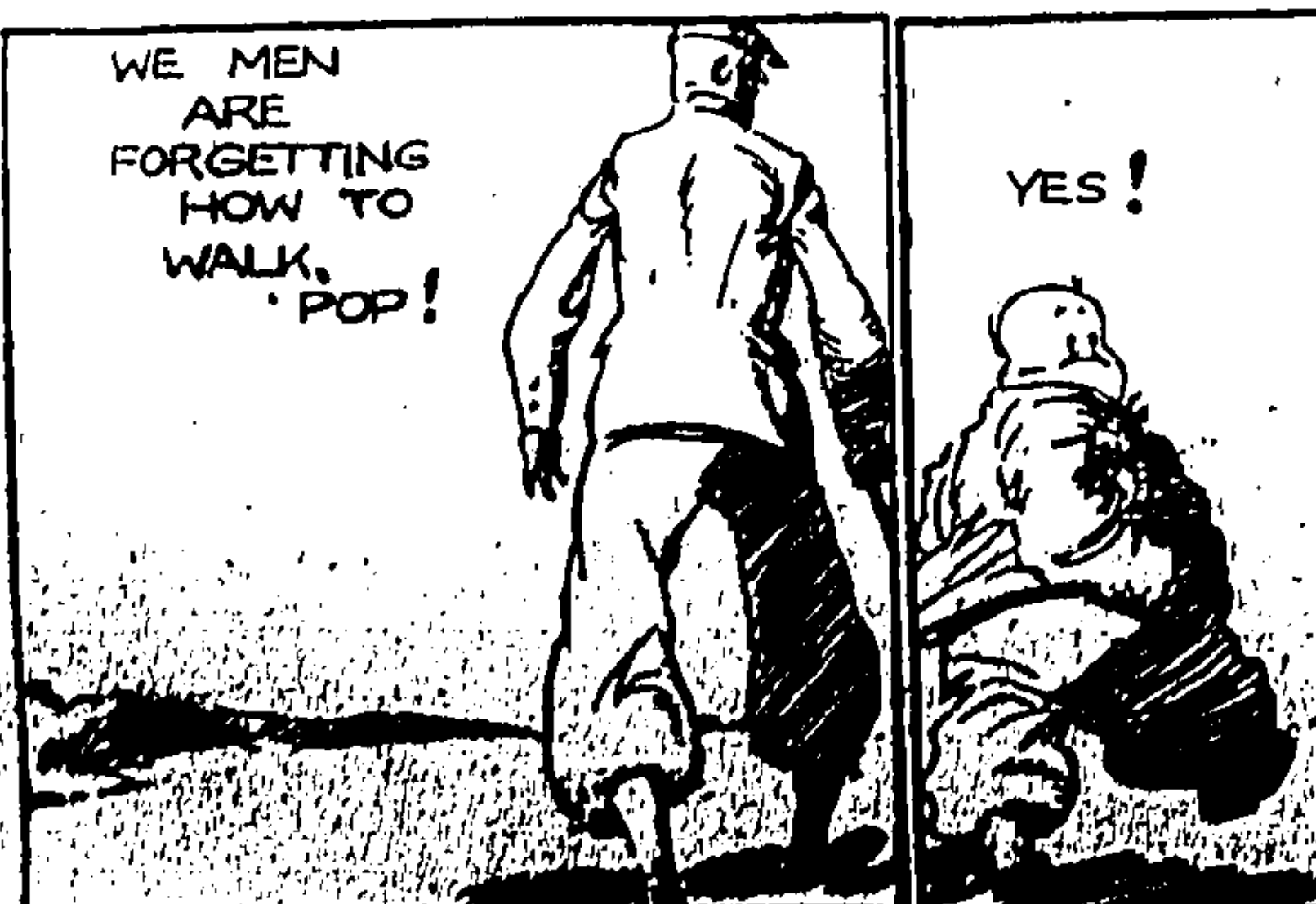
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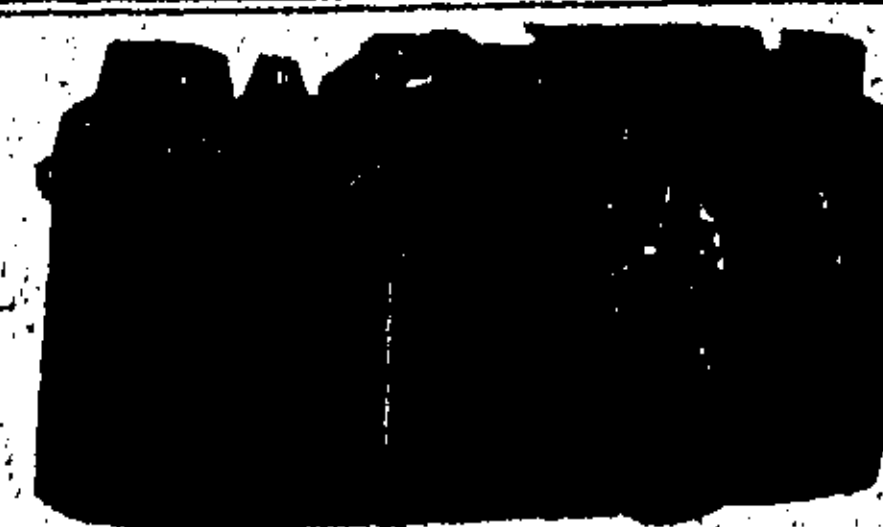
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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 7th December, 1933.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Dec. 1933.

BOXING

LEE THEATRE

SATURDAY, 9th DEC. 1933, at 9.15 p.m.

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For the Middle Weight Championship of the Colony and Belt

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Malabar	
Talmoshan	2,124
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This mass of charred wreckage is all that remains of the National Guard plane and the three-family house into which it crashed at Shrewsbury N.J., bringing death to two occupants of the plane and five persons in the house. At right, George R. Johnson, noted explorer, who was piloting the plane. He was killed as was his passenger, Sergeant Alfred Poole.



COLONIES' CUSTOMS UNION

(Continued from Page 8.)

Mutatis mutandis fabula de te narratur. All that I have said about the shameful way in which the rubber industry has been neglected by the Colonial Office applies with equal force to the primary commodities from these countries, namely, tea, tin, and copper. I say that we are entitled to protection from our Government against the competition of Asiatic labour and Dutch greed in this part of the world, and that until we get it we are entitled to denounce the Government for insincerity and negligence.

Colonial Office Neglect

I do not understand why Lord Beaverbrook has not taken up the cudgels in favour of our Eastern Empire.

Was it for this that Sir Stamford Raffles drove the Dutch out of their most precious possessions in the East? It was, of course, as things have turned out, a mistake on our part to give up Java, which is one of the richest countries in the Far East; but that is no reason why we should allow ourselves to be ruined by the fear and impotence of the Dutch Colonial Secretary. The Dutch are afraid of the Asiatic population in Sumatra and in parts of Java; but that is their business, not ours.

This neglect on the part of our Colonial Office has inflicted widespread suffering in Malaya and Ceylon. If we are to have a Customs Union with our Colonies, as Lord Beaverbrook so rightly proposes, there could not be a better opening than the case of Malaya and Ceylon.

The Government is losing ground every day because of the impression which is now gaining currency, that they are more interested in the politics of Europe than in their own Colonies. All that they have hitherto done for Ceylon is to present it with an unworkable constitution, which must be abrogated if the Colony is to resume its former prosperity. What steps is Mr. Baldwin going to take to undo this grievance in a part of the Empire which is unhappily without electoral value?

SOLDIER STABBED WHILE ASLEEP.

Brutal Murder By Comrade.

Helsingfors.

An army recruit has murdered a comrade in the barracks at Kello-maki, near the Soviet frontier, following a difference of opinion on political questions.

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The murderer and his victim had often been heard previously quarrelling over politics.—Reuter.

BRIDGE NOTES

CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY ANCHORITE

IV

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding.)

No Trumps

The winning of tricks with low cards in No-trump bids depends upon the number of honour tricks held, as these are necessary as stoppers and for re-entries. The count of honour tricks alone will therefore automatically include a proportional number of low card tricks. Based upon the rule of eight, the proportion of low card tricks is about 5 out of 13. With this as a base, a logical and fairly accurate table of No-trump bids, raises, and takeouts can be worked out.

The 4-5-6 Count

1. When the combined hands contain 4-5-6 honour tricks, 2-3 low card tricks will generally develop in addition. Either hand could, therefore, play "one" and either hand might go down one.

2. Combined hands containing about 5 honour tricks will develop 2½-3 low card tricks. Two No-trumps could probably be played.

3. Hands containing 6 honour tricks will on the average develop at least 3 tricks in low cards—therefore the hands are in the Three No-trump zone.

As an opening bid of "One" shows a minimum of 2½ honour tricks, and a maximum of 5½ tricks, a partner's No-trump take-outs will depend upon the balance of honour tricks in his hand, and also on the distribution. Provided, therefore, that partner can not raise in the suit bid (or take-out in a new suit), he holds 1½ honour tricks in two suits, he should pass; unless it be a case of keeping the bidding open for his partner, in which case, "One No-trump" would be permissible.

Holding 1½-2 honour trick, no raise in suit bid by partner, and no other suitable bid, bid "again" "One No-trump". Both above bids are warning bids, and are called "negative" No-trump bids.

Holding 2½-3 plus honour tricks, still assuming no raise and no other biddable suit, bid "Two No-trumps." This bid is semi-forcing, and is a demand that opening hand must bid again, unless hold a bare 2½ honour tricks and a 4-3-3-3 distribution.

Holding about 3½, but less than 4½ honour tricks, bid "Three No-trumps."

Holding about 4½ honour tricks, with a favourable distribution, bid "Four No-trumps," which actually is a try for slam.

Opening bidder, by simply reversing the process, can judge from partner's No-trump responses, the number of honour tricks held by him.

An opening bid of One No-trump, not vulnerable (neither side having won a game), shows at least 2½ honour tricks, and denies a bid-

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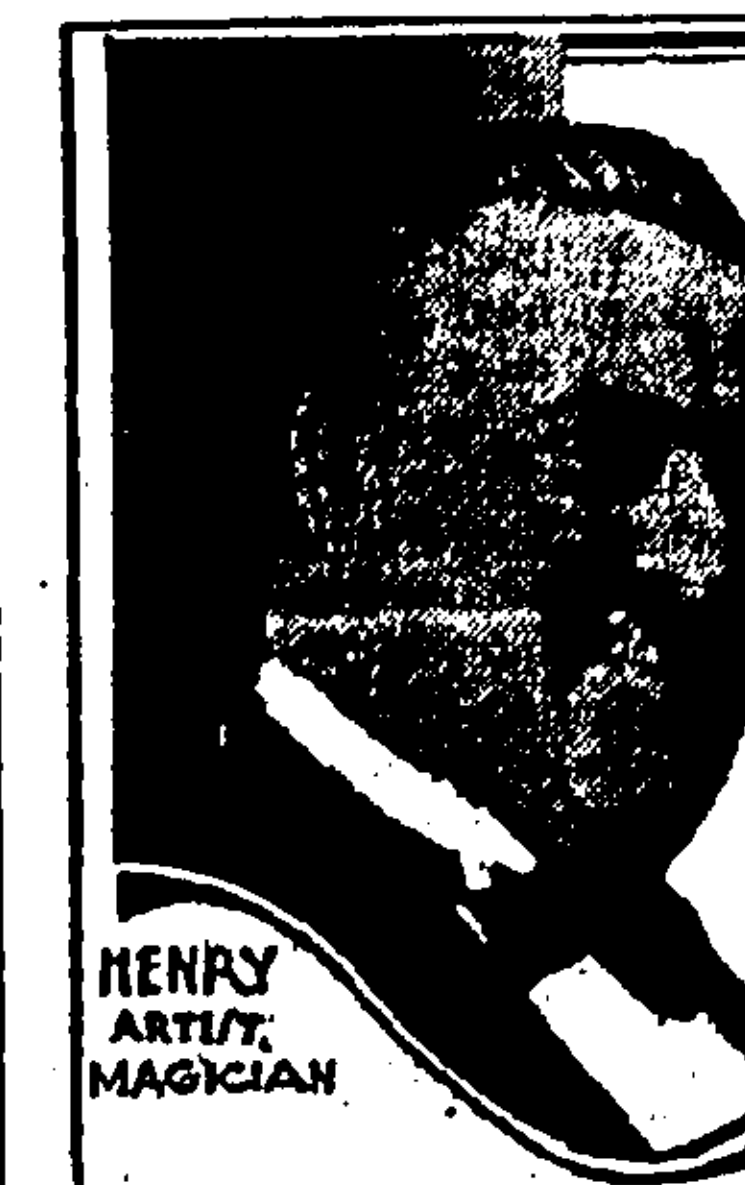
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1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
1.15 p.m.—Recorded music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Relay of Lecture from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Selections by the Music Makers.
4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7.30-8 p.m.—Transcription programme.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.30-8.45 p.m.—A Talk by Father Robert Cairns on St. Francis Xavier and Sanction Island.
8.45-8.55 p.m.—Transcription Programme.
8.55-9.05 p.m.—Band.
Policeman's Holiday (Ewing) Wee MacGregor Patrol (Amers) Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
9.05-9.15 p.m.—A relay from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home of the Lecture by Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., on "Pompeii", by courtesy of the Committee.
9.15-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by The Music Makers.
9.30-10.30 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.
All relays from the Hong Kong Hotel are by courtesy of the Management, and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.
Should reception prove satisfactory, the programme between 8 and 9 p.m. will be substituted by a relay from Coventry.



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As an interested follower of "Anchorite" may I appeal to him to settle an argument which resulted in the termination of an otherwise friendly bridge game last week?

Plying according to Culbertson, is the "double" of a Two-bid in-formation or business?

Sincerely,
.....S. M. de T....

"Anchorite" says:
All doubles, even a double of one are for penalties (not in-formation) after partner has made any kind of bid.

All doubles of two No-trumps are for penalties and not in-formation (or take-out) doubles. A double call for a one No-trump or one, two (when not forcing) or three in a suit, provided partner has passed or has made no bid, and the double is immediate.

Holding 2½ honour tricks, a forcing or jump bid may be made

Sporting Page

CHINESE SUPREMACY IN SOCCER SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED

CHINA MAY NOT RETAIN THE S.H. CUP

England Again Power In The Land.

TAY QUEE LIANG WILL BE ABSENT FROM COLONY

Tam Shadow Of Himself

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

IT is too early in the soccer season yet to try and select the Chinese football eleven for the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition, but whatever it may be, it will be a strong eleven. Chinese players now on the injured list but who will be fit by January.

China meet Portugal in the Second Round, but will have a much harder time than last year when they won by 6 goals to 1.

The latter, as I have stated elsewhere, will be represented by nearly the whole of the St. Joseph's football team, and if I am not mistaken the only change will be to bring Silva-Netto of the Recro into the right back position instead of Gosano and move the latter up to centre half. Beldry moving to right half instead of V. Marques.

China Unlucky

China are rather unlucky this year and will be unable to field their brilliant South China forward line which overcame every team they met in the last series.

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Cheng Shui-hong, who was largely responsible for Hong Kong's Interport win against Shanghai last November, has given up football, and the right wing position will have to be filled by a weaker player in Yeung Shui-yick of South China or Tang Kwong-sum of the Athletic.

China's goals last year came from Ip Pak-wa and Suen Kam-shun, both of whom are away from the Colony and unlikely to return.

Tam Kong-pak, who was responsible for the two other goals against Portugal is not the same man he was last year, and will have to depend, to a great extent, on Fung King-cheung, who has but recently recovered from an illness.

Portugal Favoured

China's chances are not particularly bright and unless the Chinese Athletic or South China can produce some hidden talent it looks very much like a Portuguese win.

England have this year a wealth of talent and will be the most serious challengers to Portugal for the honours.

With Combey of the Artillery in goal and Allen and S. Strango at backs, the English defence will be hard to beat.

The halves will probably be Robertson (Navy) or Robertson (Club), Pardoe of the Artillery, Cork of the Lincolns or Skinner of the Club, and Bliss of Kowloon or McGuire of the Navy for the left half position.

English Forward Line

The forward line will probably be the finest in all the teams with Baldry of the Lincolns or Fowler of the Club on the right wing, Elliott of Kowloon or Smith of the Navy at inside right, and Howe of the Club, Langmead of the Navy, or Higgins of the Lincolns for the centre forward position; and Ridley and Hocquard of the Lincolns for the left wing or E. Strango and Bickford of the Club.

England have a bye into the Second Round where they meet the

SECOND DIVISION "NEEDLE" GAME

WILL LINCOLNS REVERSE 8-1 DECISION?

KOWLOON'S NEW RECRUITS

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

OWING to the Lai Wah Cup Competition Semi-finals being played this Saturday, the Hong Kong League has been curtailed, there being no First Division games on the programme.

THREE Second Division and five Third Division games will be featured, the most interesting being the clash between the Lincolns and the Borderers in the Second Division on Sunday.

THIS game will probably decide the Second Division championship as both teams have played nine games, although the Borderers are one point ahead.

IN their first round encounter the Borderers won by 8 goals to 1, but Sunday's game should be very different as the Lincolns have shown a vast improvement.

The Club who defeated last year's champions, the Athletic, last Saturday will be meeting a fast set of forwards in the Young Indians' team, while the latter's backs are second only to the Borderers.

Last Saturday the Club were poorly served by their inside forwards, although one of them managed to score twice. This week they will have to show their best form if they are to get through A. M. Omar and his colleague.

This game precedes the Lai Wah Cup semi-final between the Civilians and the Chinese, and will be played on the Club ground.

LATE POSTPONEMENTS.

The Second Division games between the Club and the Young Indians and Kowloon and the Athletic have been postponed.

On Sunday, owing to the two charity football games the Second Division game between the Borderers and the Lincolns has been postponed. Saturday's Third Division encounter between the Medical Corps and the University is also postponed.

Kowloon, who meet the Athletic at home, will be considerably strengthened by the possible inclusion of three of the six Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders who have signed on for them.

Grant, who is a right back or half, will probably be brought in to strengthen the defence, while Yeoman is almost certain to play in the pivot position. Either McQuade or Reid, inside forwards, will be brought into the attack, thereby adding strength to all three lines in the Kowloon team.

Kowloon's First Win?

Kowloon have been very weak this season and have as yet failed to register a win, and the possible inclusion of their latest recruits should give them their first win of the season. The Athletic beat them by 3 goals to 1 in their first encounter, but they have deteriorated considerably since that game.

South China meet the Artillery at Caroline Hill and should annex both points. In the first encounter the Artillery were given a walk over owing to the non-appearance of the South China team.

In the Third Division, South China meet the Engineers whom they defeated by the odd goal in three in the first round encounter at Chatham Road.

On Saturday the Engineers will have a hard task to prevent the "double" as they have not improved much since their first game this season.

winner of the Scotland v. Wales contest.

If one is to judge from present form and on the possible selection of teams, it looks as if England and Portugal will play in the Final, while Scotland will enter the Second Round.

Scotland's Chances Bright In International

Formidable Half Back Line With Inclusion Of Argylls.

PORTUGAL VERY PROMISING

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

THIS season's "Sunday Herald"

International Charity Cup games promise to be the most exciting we have had in the last five seasons.

It very much looks as if an entirely different Cup Final will be witnessed.

China, who won the Cup last year from England will, I fear, not be in the running this year, and it looks very much as if Portugal will repeat their success of 1931-32.

Portugal caused a sensation last year when they went down to a 6-1 defeat at the hands of China, but this year they will be fielding a vastly improved team.

St. Joseph's, who are now leading in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong League, will supply most of Portugal's players, while the Recro, who supplied three men last year, will probably only supply one player—Silva-Netto.

Portugal have been lucky this season to draw a bye in the First Round, but they meet the holders in the Second Round, and on their present form, that is to say, the Salpts' form, they should, however, avenge last year's defeat.

Will Channings Secure Place?

The First Round tie will be between Wales, selected mainly from the Borderers with Channings of the Police as the probable left half, and Scotland, who are likely to prove, the surprise team this year.

Last year Scotland had Rodger in goal. He is now away, and the responsibility will probably fall to the lot of Hunter, one of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders now stationed in Hong Kong and signed on for Kowloon.

The two backs positions were filled by Blackburn of the Police and Greenshields of the Artillery. Blackburn is still available, although the left back position will most likely be filled by Grant or Hill of Kowloon. The former played for the Argylls, while Hill has already demonstrated his ability as a back for Kowloon. The latter will probably be given the position in partnership with Greenshields.

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CIVILIANS SHOULD BEAT CHINESE

EXCELLENT DEFENCE AND SPEEDY FORWARDS

LAI WAH CUP CLASH ON SATURDAY

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

THE CHINESE, SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED BY INJURIES TO STAR PLAYERS, HAVE NOT YET SELECTED THEIR LAI WAH CUP TEAM, BUT JUDGING FROM THIS SEASON'S PERFORMANCES THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO START FAVOURITES FOR THE RETENTION OF THEIR TITLE.

This week-end's soccer limelight will play on the Club ground and the Railway ground, Kowloon, where the two Semi-Final ties between the Civilians and the Chinese, and the Army and the Navy will take place.

The Civilians' side has already been selected, and with one exception is probably the best side available.

In my notes in last Wednesday's China Mail I selected the team correctly with one exception—the left half position, for which I nominated Jones of Kowloon. The selectors gave the position to Bliss, who, although a hard working player, is not worth his place in the team on this season's form.

Rather than Bliss I would have substituted Jones, who is regaining his reputed Tientsin form, or Andy Duncan, the Club Interport veteran.

Perhaps I was not quite fair in my selection of Jones for Duncan, but what the Colony needs is young blood, and, although Duncan is still one of the best halves in the Colony, Jones' selection to the left half position would have fitted in very well.

A hard worker, he is neat in his ball control and possesses the advantage of speed and swerve. He is also a tireless player and has improved with leaps and bounds since his debut here some months ago.

SERVICES TO BEAT S. CHINA ON SUNDAY

Langmead May Replace Higgins.

TWO CHARITY GAMES

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

THIS Sunday should provide two first-class games when the Combined Services meet South China, last season's League and Shield Champions, and the second eleven of the Borderers and Athletic clash at Caroline Hill, in aid of the fund for the relief of the widow and four children of the late C.Q.M.S., Chappell, R.A.P.C.

The Borderers are the Lincolns most serious challengers for Second Division honours, while the Athletic held last year's Second Division Championship.

The big game will probably attract one of the largest crowds seen on the Caroline Hill ground this season for South China and a Combined Services team are a great draw, probably the biggest in local soccer.

The Services team has already been selected as follows:—Liddington (R.N.); Allen (R.A.) and Morrison (S.W.B.); Purkins (R.N.); Podmore (S.W.B.); McGuire (R.N.); Baldry (Lincolns), Smith (R.N.), Higgins (Lincolns), Ridley (Lincolns) and Hocquard (Lincolns).

Langmead the Navy centre forward is a reserve, but will probably play instead of Higgins, who is on the injured list with a sprained ankle. Cork (Lincolns), Skinner (Navy) and Mullane of the Borderers are other reserves.

South China, should they turn out their full eleven, should provide stiff opposition, but are not favoured to win in the face of the strong Services' forward line.

League Goal Scorers To Date

Wong And Fowler Lead Premier League.

McNEIL REACHES DOUBLE FIGURES

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

THE following is a complete League goal-scoring list to date, the qualification being four goals.

FIRST DIVISION.	
Wong Mei Shun (S. China)	8
Fowler (Club)	7
Howe (Club)	7
Ho Ka Kuen (Athletic)	7
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	6
Pau Ka Ping (S. China)	6
Ridley (Lincolns)	6
Langmead (S. China)	6
Hazlewood (Borderers)	6
Au Ping Ming (Athletic)	6
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	6
Jones (Borderers)	6
Elliott (Kowloon)	5
L. Harris (Borderers)	5
Higgins (Lincolns)	5
Green (Police)	5
Forley (Borderers)	5
Ward (St. Joseph's)	5
Tam Kong-pak (S. China)	5
E. Strango (Club)	5
Smith (Navy)	5
Au Kim Fung (Athletic)	5
McGuinness (Lincolns)	5
SECOND DIVISION.	
McNeil (Navy)	10
Duncan (Club)	8
Forley (Borderers)	8
Morris (Borderers)	8
Tate (Lincolns)	7
Herbert (Borderers)	7
Ng Po Kui (S. China)	6
Ellsworth (Navy)	6
Lai Sui Wing (S. China)	6
Marshfield (Borderers)	6
Setters (Lincolns)	6
Barnet (Navy)	5
Hamed (Y. Indians)	5
Chappell (Navy)	5
A. M. Omar (Y. Indians)	5
Bell (Club)	5
Clayton (Lincolns)	5
THIRD DIVISION.	
Clark (Lincolns)	16
Purcell (Borderers)	12
Morgan (Borderers)	11
Poole (R.A.M.C.)	11
Campus (Recro)	7
Nelson (Borderers)	7
To Wai Hing (S. China)	5
Harper (Lincolns)	5
King (R.A.M.C.)	5
Setters (Lincolns)	4
Gregory (R.A.F.)	4
Matthews (Lincolns)	4

Army Centre Forward Problem

Suggested Team For Lai Wah Cup Clash With Navy

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

WHAT will probably be the most exciting game seen in Hong Kong for some time will be seen on the Kowloon ground on Saturday when the Army meet the Navy in the Semi-Final round of the Lai Wah Cup Competition.

The Army will not be at full strength, as several men have sustained injuries during the last fortnight, and, as a result of which, changes will have to be made in the team which defeated the Chinese by the only goal on November 27.

The most important position in the Army team, the centre forward position, is offering the biggest problem. Higgins, the Lincolns' leader, is on the injured list with a badly sprained ankle and is not likely to turn out. It is possible that McGuinness, the Lincolns' inside right, will be brought into this position.

Combey will probably be the goalkeeper, while Allan of the Artillery and Morrison of the Borderers should fill the back division.

The right half position will either go to Dudley of the Lincolns or Pte (77) Jones of the Borderers. I favour the latter, as he is very fast and a great scorer.

The centre half position will undoubtedly go to Cork of the Lincolns, while Podmore, the Borderers' best half, will probably support him on the left. It very much looks as if the forward line will be an all Lincolns' one, unless Greenshields of the Artillery is brought in at centre guard on the left and McGuinness and Baldry on the other flank.

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Soccer Personalities No 2

Isaac Cork, Lincolns

ISAAC CORK, born in Staffordshire in 1908, is at present the finest Army centre half in the Colony and is the "brains" of the Lincolns' attack and one who has done much to bring them up to their present status in the League Championship.

He first took up soccer as a youngster and his keenness in the game was rewarded in 1930, when, while serving with the Lincolns at Gibraltar, he was selected to play for the Army against the Navy. He was, however, badly injured in that game, having his nose broken and being compelled to give up the game for a season.

He has played for the Lincolns first eleven for the past two years, replacing Barber when the latter was on the injured list. He has played in the centre half position ever since.

An all-rounder, Cork's recreations include Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, and Water-Polo, playing for



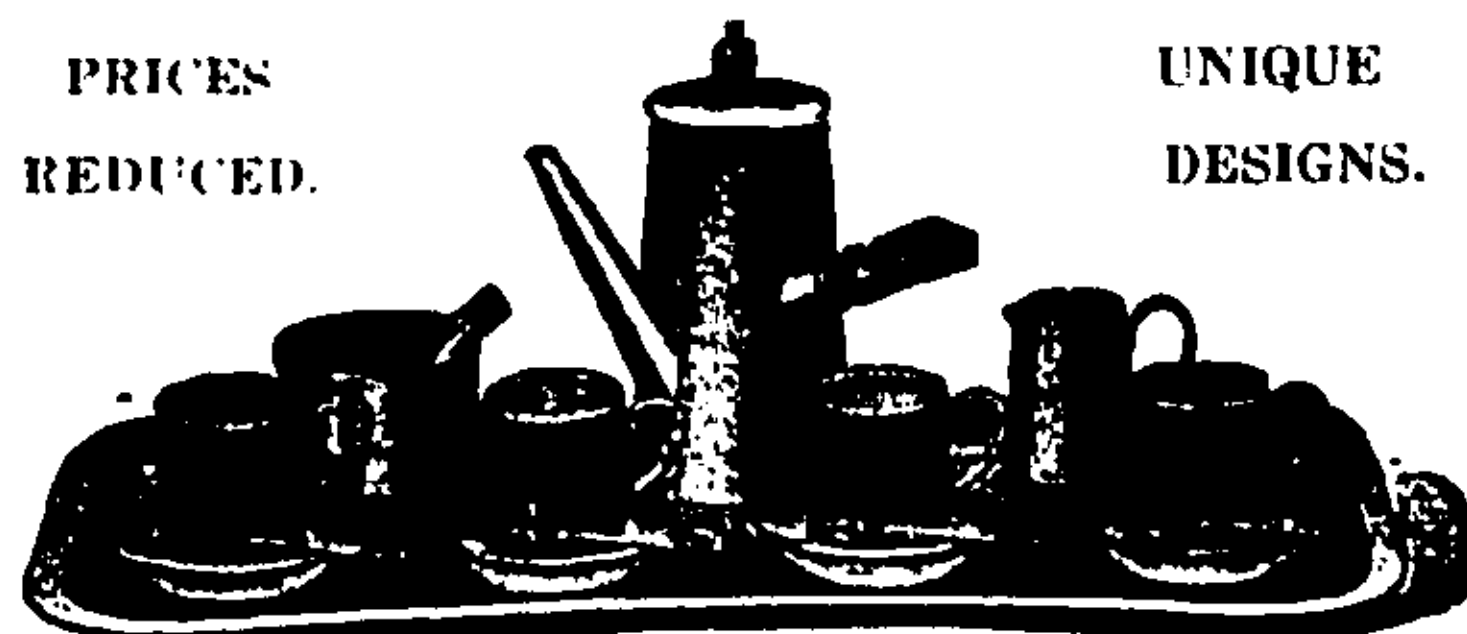
the first team in the latter sport. He will be sadly missed from the ranks of the Lincolns when he leaves for home by the next troopship in February.

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HOCQUARD'S SPEED ON WING (BY STICKS)

PLAYING with only ten men, the Y.M.C.A. first eleven did extremely well to hold the Lincolns to a goalless draw in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday. R. Baldwin was the absentee, and E. O. Murphy made a reappearance in the side at full back in place of E. F. Selk, who played in the forward line.

The Lincolns did most of the attacking in the first half, but failed to find the net. McLellan and Lowe in the half-back line worked very hard, but the four forwards could not establish a good understanding.

Lt. Hocquard, on the wing for the Lincolns, showed splendid form, his fine turn of speed causing the "Y" backs many anxious moments.

In the second half, the "Y" forwards played better hockey, and actually forced two corners during this half, the "Y" defence were, however, more outstanding, constantly breaking up dangerous attacks and feeding their forwards in masterly manner.

Y.M.C.A.: H. S. Shields; G. N. Owen, E. O. Murphy; R. J. D. Lowe, J. McLellan, J. M. Wilson; S. Fowler, W. J. Brown, E. F. Selk and G. Fowler.

Lincolns: Hollingsworth; Bentley, Wilkinson; Yeomans, Harper, Lt. Catter, Reeks, Shamble, Toyne, Parker and Lt. Hocquard.

RADIO MAMAK HOCKEY WIN OVER MEDICALS

"Hat Trick" For Awtar Singh Who Scores 4.

POOLE OUTSTANDING IN GOAL

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, the Radio recorded their fifth Mamak Tournament success when they defeated the Royal Army Medical Corps by 5 goals to nil. They now lead the table.

The exchanges were very fast, although the Medical Corps failed to combine effectively among the forwards. Poole, the Medicals' goal-keeper played an outstanding game, bringing off many brilliant saves. Casson and Parry the right and left backs, respectively were also good, it being no fault of theirs that their opponent pierced their defence on five occasions.

Awtar Singh opened the scoring in the first half by netting two quick goals, and completed his "hat-trick" after the interval. G. Singh netted the Radio's fourth goal and Awtar Singh completed the scoring with a fifth.

Radio:—Man Singh, P. Singh and J. S. Grewal; Jagreet Singh, Dyke and M. Singh; M. H. Hassan, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Kalwant Singh and P. A. King.

R.A.M.C.:—Poole; Casson and Parry; Mackie, Savoury and Neale; Leigh, Capt. Quintan, Lane, College and Pym.

MAMAK TOURNAMENT TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Radio	5	5	0	0	29	3	10
C. B. A.	4	4	0	0	17	1	8
Police	4	4	0	0	13	1	8
St. Andrew's	3	3	0	0	12	2	6
United	4	3	1	0	8	5	6
K.T.I.C.	5	3	2	0	8	10	6
Mule Corps	5	2	5	1	3	19	5
12th Battery	5	2	3	0	7	14	4
Medway	3	1	2	0	5	4	2
9th Battery	3	0	2	1	1	13	1
R. E.	3	0	2	1	5	7	1
R.C. of S.	5	0	3	2	3	10	1
German Club	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
R.A.M.C.	5	0	5	0	2	16	0

MORRELL HIT ON FACE.

H.K. S.R.A. Beat Ten Lincolns' Players.

On the Marina ground yesterday afternoon, the H. K. S. R. A. defeated the Lincolns 2nd Eleven by 3 goals to 1 in a friendly hockey encounter.

The Lincolns lost the services of Morrell early in the first half, the half back being struck on the face, and played with ten men for the remainder of the game.



WHITSHED RECORD FIRST LEAGUE WIN

Ten Wishart Players
Lose 3 To 1.

SYMMONDS RECEIVES EYE INJURY BUT RESUMES

(By "IMP")

A fast game of Hockey was witnessed yesterday afternoon at King's Park when H.M.S. Whitshed defeated H.M.S. Wishart in a Flotilla League match by 3 goals to 1. This was the first victory for the Whitshed in the League, having lost their two previous encounters against the Kent and Veteran. The Wishart, however, fielded only ten players.

In the first half the Wishart had most of the play, but were met by a stubborn defence. Holden in goal played very well for the Whitshed. After 22 minutes play Bookless opened the Whitshed's account from a breakaway. Almost immediately after the resumption Hurry beat Chase to place the Whitshed two up.

Symmonds, who had been playing well, collided with Martindale and received a nasty cut over his right eye, but he resumed play after a few minutes.

The Whitshed had more of the play in the second half and forced many corners. Midway through the half Bookless ran through on his own to score a third goal for the Whitshed. Just before the end Ward scored for the Wishart.

For the winners Knight was outstanding at right half, and Holden, Bookless and Hurry also played well.

The Wishart's forwards were very fast in the first half and played exceedingly well, but very little was seen of them after the interval. Commander Todd and Martindale were prominent in the defence.

Whitshed:—Holden, Saunders, Woodgate, Knight, Biddle, Philbrow; Hampleman, Bookless, Hurry, Symmonds and Edwards.

Wishart:—Chase; Martindale, Cmdr. Todd, Wyburd, Crow and Ward, Palmer, Samuels, Whitworth and Ken-thorne.

LYEMUN BEAT STONECUTTERS IN R.A. MATCH

Two teams from the Royal Artillery met in a friendly hockey match on the Chatham Road ground yesterday afternoon, the game resulting in a victory by four clear goals for Lyemun against Stonecutters.

Lt. Flowerdew (3) and Lt. Laine were the scorers.

"Y" LADIES MIX WITH BORDERERS

The "Y" Ladies' hockey eleven combined with the South Wales Borderers in a friendly match on the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday, the "Y" Ladies' forward line, who were opposed to their own defence, losing to the "Y" Ladies' defence and Borderers forward line by 2 goals to 1.

SAINTS LADIES DRAW

In a friendly hockey encounter on the Marina ground yesterday the St. Andrews Ladies were held to a goalless draw by the Central British Ladies. Both sides fielded depleted teams.

ARMY XI v MEDWAY

The following will represent the Army against H.M.S. Medway in an hockey encounter on the Naval ground this afternoon at 4.15 p.m.

Pte. Hollingsworth (Lincolns); Lt. Metcalfe (R.A.) and Lt. Rolleston (Lincolns); Lt. Laine (R.A.); Lt. Ravenhill (R.A.); and Sig. Ditley (R.C. of S.); Sig. Bryce (R.C. of S.); Cpl. Barlow (R.A.S.C.); W. O. Senior (R.A.S.C.); Lt. Garthwaite (R.A.) and Lt. Hocquard (Lincolns).

CLUB v JATS TO-DAY

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors in a match against the 7th Regiment on the Marina ground at 5 p.m. this afternoon:

D. Skinner; A. A. Dand and E. V. Reed; W. A. Reed, H. J. D. Lowe and J. L. Tolley; H. Owen-Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, P. R. Senior, A. Sinclair and J. E. Potter.

3 PENALTY GOALS LANDED

NINE OF ALL-CONQUERING TEAM ABSENT

(By SCRUM HALF)

THOUGH without the services of no fewer than nine of their all-conquering Rugby fifteen the Royal Navy beat the Army by a goal, two penalty goals, and two tries (17 points) to a goal, a penalty goal, and a try (11 points) after leading 11-0 at half time in a game which became very scrappy in the second half at Sookunpoo yesterday.

FULL value for their triumph, the Navy were without Lt. Beckley, Lt. St. Clair Ford, Mid Darley, Lt. Currey, Comdr. Roope, Lt. Evans, Lt. Nixon, Lt. Suther, and Lt. Brown, while the Army made two changes in their line-up—Sgt. Gould displacing Lt. Birt at full-back, and Pte. Chicken taking Cpl. Suter's place in the pack.

I said in my notes several weeks ago that Lt. Comdr. Stephenson, who has been capped fifteen times for Ireland, was probably the best referee in the Colony, but yesterday he was altogether too strict on occasion and then allowed infringements to go when unexpected, and as a result tempers became frayed and what would have been an excellent game was spoiled.

Pascoe, though not with the support of a much heavier scrum, secured the better of Hebert in the tight scrums, but Forbes was by no means as accurate in his service to Miers, who also was not at his best, as he was last Saturday against the Club.

Slater's Tough Kicking

Slater played well at centre three-quarter for the Navy, and his tough-kicking on the numerous occasions the Navy were awarded penalties provided one of the features of the game.

Offside play, particularly by the Army forwards, and holding on to the ball while on the ground were all checked by free kicks, thus slowing the game up considerably. Hudspeth, the Navy soccer winger, who made his debut in Rugby against the Tamar and Small Ships on Monday, gave a very promising display on the wing. He takes the ball well, has a very fine burst of speed, and kicks well to touch. His only fault lies in his tackling which is inclined to be very wild.

Kent Players On Trial

Four of the H.M.S. Kent fifteen, who were unbeaten in Japan and who held the Shanghai Club to 3 points, were on view, Lt. E. Morris giving a good display at wing forward. He was always up with the ball, but lacks the necessary speed to be a really good wing forward, as was evidenced when Forbes gave him a clear run to the line in the Army '25 and he was grassed by Martin when well short of his objective.

Martin put in invaluable work in the Army defence and had few opportunities to show his speed on the wing. Once he broke away in the first half and punted over Judd's head. He would probably have scored, but Walters was badly offside and a golden opportunity was wasted.

Simmonds is probably one of the best tacklers in the Army side, Time and again he frustrated Miers' attempts to cut through with excellent low tackles.

Walker played well at fly-half for the Army, his try being a very nice piece of work, but he seldom received a good pass from Hewitt.

Ladies' Golf

Mrs. Wren qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in November with a score of 87-10=71.

The Electric Competition for November on the New Course, Fanling, was won by Mrs. Terris who returned a card of 79-61/3=72 1/3 Miss Robinson, with a score of 80-52/3=74 1/3, was second.

Entries are invited for the Championship of 1934. This will be decided by match play over the Old Course at Fanling. Entrants must have handicaps of not more than 24. The final is posted at the Club House at Fanling and Happy Valley and will close on December 24.

It is expected that the first round will have to be played off by January 15, 1934.

who was unusually erratic in his service from the scrum.

After "Tubby" Linton, who played a rousing game in the loose, had had two unsuccessful attempts at goal with penalty kicks, the Navy opened the scoring when PAINE kicked a penalty goal from close in.

A second score came shortly after when as the result of brilliant close passing between the Naval forwards MORRIS went over near the posts for Paine to miss an easy convert. Morris should have crossed over once again when Forbes gave him a perfect opening ten yards from the line, but Martin brought off a splendid 'another-tackle to save a dangerous situation.

Judd, who came up into line with his three-quarters whenever possible, injured his knee when brought down heavily in the Army '25 and was almost a passenger for the rest of the game.

Pass Intercepted

MORRIS scored the third Naval try when he intercepted a pass in the Army '25 to go through after a short punt over Gould's head. PAINE added the goal points.

From a cross-kick by Slater, Martin had a fine opportunity with a clear passage on the wing, but he preferred to punt over Judd's head, and Walters spoiled all chances of a score by following up from an offside position. Half time arrived with the Navy leading by 11-0.

The Army opened their account when LLOYD kicked a penalty goal against Slater for holding on to the ball when brought down in his own '25. Inspired by their success the Army hemmed their opponents in their own '25 for a quarter of an hour before WALKER, owing to high tackling, executed a perfect corkscrew run to touch down next to the posts for LLOYD to convert from the easy position and make the score 11-8 in favour of the Navy.

Walker was kicked on the back of the head when grounding the ball and was forced to leave the field for several minutes, Walters being taken out of the pack to fill his vacancy.

Timely Tackle By Gould

Hudspeth was nearly over for the Navy after a very fine passing movement among the backs, Gould just bundling him into touch with only three yards to go for a touch down. From the resultant scrum, however, the Navy were rewarded when PAINE kicked a penalty goal from a difficult angle.

Rolleston was unlucky to receive an awkward bounce after a neat dribble which gained almost 30 yards. Had the ball come into his hands he would almost certainly have scored between the posts.

The Navy's last try came when Miers passed off the ground for FORBES to dash over in the corner after handing off Galletty. Paine failed to convert the effort from the touch-line.

With the end of the game fast approaching a quick heel from an Army scrum in the Navy '25 saw Galletty send ROISSIER over in the corner for an unconverted try. Lloyd failing with a difficult kick.

Royal Navy:—Lt. Judd (H.M.S. Eagle); Tel. Hudspeth (H.M.S. Kent); Lt. Slater (H.M.S. Eagle); A. B. Muddford (H.M.S. Berwick); and Sig. Curle (H.M.S. Berwick); Lt. Miers (H.M.S. Berwick) and Lt. Forbes (Medway); Pay Lt. Owen (H.M.S. Kent); Surg-Lt. Curle (H.M.S. Kent); Lt. E. Morris (H.M.S. Kent); L. C. Pascoe (H.M.S. Berwick); Lt. Linton (H.M.S. Medway); Lt. Paine (H.M.S. Wiltch); Lt.

DOBBS SCORES 50 AND ULLYATT TAKES 5 FOR 6

Lincolns' Second Eleven Beat Borderers.

HOSKINS AND SMITH IN PLUCKY STAND

(By ATHLETE)

AN inspired bowling spell by Pte. Ulliyatt, who took 5 wickets for 6 runs to finish off the Borderers' second eleven's innings for 72 runs was responsible for the Lincolns' second eleven snatching a well deserved win by 29 runs at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Pte. Dobbs played a splendid aggressive innings for his 50, scored out of 66 while he was at the crease. Going in at the fall of the fourth wicket at 27 he proceeded to hit nine boundaries to send the total up to 93 for 9. He and L/Cpl. Seagrave added 36 for the seventh wicket, and in a stand with Cpl. Clark, Dobbs added 25 for the ninth wicket to enable the side to total 111.

C.Q.M.S. Day scored his 23, which included four boundaries, out of 27, while Clark hit the only six of the match when he lifted a ball from Pte. Ronan, a former Army player, out of the ground.

Losing their first four wickets for 30 runs of which Lt. de Winton claimed 21, the Borderers were indebted to Pte. Hoskins (20) and Pte. Smith (13) for a valuable fifth wicket stand which yielded 35 runs.

Ulliyatt, however, played havoc with the tail-enders, the last five wickets falling for only 7 runs! Ulliyatt concluded the match with 7 for 51 after taking his last 5 wickets for 6 runs. Clark bowled 11 overs for 13 runs and 3 wickets! Scores:

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lincolns' 2nd XI				
C. Q. M. S. Day, b Welch	23			
Lt. de Winton, b Ronan	21			
Pte. Williams, b Church	1			
Lt. Pim, b Welch	2			
Pte. Dobbs, run out	50			
Pte. Meakin, c Harrison, b Welch	0			
Lt. de Winton, b Hoskins	8			
Pte. Ulliyatt, c Smith, b Hoskins	2			
Cpl. Clark, b Ronan	11			
Pte. Key, not out	12			
Extras (L.B. 1)	1			
Total	111			
Fall of the wickets:				
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9				
11 14 18 27 28 28 64 68 93				
Borderers 2nd XI				
Ronan	9.2	1	36	2
Church	5	2	7	2
Welsh	3	1	10	3
Parsons	2	0	11	0
Hoskins	6	1	22	2
Turner	3	0	24	0
Extras (B 8)				8
Total	72			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9				
12 14 17 30 65 67 67 69 70				
Borderers Analysis				
O. M. R. W.				
Clark	11	3	18	3
Ulliyatt	10.2	1	51	7

Whitfield (H.M.S. Falmouth) and Tel. Ackroyd (Stonecutters).

Army:—Sgt. Gould (S.W.B.); Lt. Martin (S.W.B.); Pte. Simmons (S.W.B.); Lt. Galletty (S.W.B.); and Lt. Rolleston (Lincolns); Lt. Walker (R.E.) and L/Cpl. Hewitt (S.W.B.); Lt. Herbert (R.A.); L/Cpl. Hardy (S.W.B.); Pte. Gilmore (S.W.B.); Pte. Walters (S.W.B.); Pte. Chicken (Lincolns); Pte. Jones (S.W.B.); Pte. Lloyd (S.W.B.) and Lt. Metcalfe (R.A.).

Referee:—Lt. Comdr. H. W. V. Stephenson, R.N.

The Navy are fielding a second fifteen against the Army second string at Sookunpoo on Saturday, commencing at 2.45 p.m. The Army first team are playing the Club as a preliminary to their Triangular Tournament game a fortnight on Saturday.

DE VALERA'S REPLY TO J. H. THOMAS

Statement In Commons.

(Continued from Page 1).

to British rule in any form they did so only under the pressure of overwhelming material force.

The treaty of 1921 involved no fundamental change in their attitude, and they did not accept it as a final settlement of their relations with Britain, or as giving Britain the right to interfere with their constitutional development.

The Free State Government inferred from Mr. Thomas's statement of November 14 that the British Government also now realised the evils of forced association and would not treat as a cause of war, or other aggressive action, a decision of the Irish people to sever their connection with the Commonwealth. Mr. De Valera asked that this attitude should be formulated in a direct statement.

VIEW OF TREATY.

The reply sent by Mr. Thomas to Mr. De Valera, after saying that the British Government could not accept his description of the relations between the two countries, recalled their view of the 1921 treaty, set forth in the despatch of April 9 last year in the following words:

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom entered into the 1921 settlement with a single desire that it should end a long period of bitterness between the two countries, and it is their belief that the settlement has brought a measure of peace and contentment which could not have been reached by any other means. Further, as a direct result of that settlement, the Irish Free State has participated in and contributed to notable constitutional developments of the last few years, whereby the position of the Dominions as equal members, with the United Kingdom, of the British Commonwealth of Nations under the Crown has been defined and made clear to the world."

The reply goes on to point out that the Treaty settlement was duly accepted by the elected representatives of the people of the Irish Free State and its acceptance was subsequently confirmed at the succeeding Free State General Election. The period which elapsed between 1921 and 1932 was marked by the progressive development of friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries. "Since the Government in the United Kingdom are thus unable to accept the assumption that lasting friendship cannot be attained on the basis of the present relationship, they do not see any grounds for answering a question which is founded on that assumption."

"They cannot believe that the Irish Free State Government contemplate the final repudiation of their treaty obligations in the manner suggested and consequently they do not feel called upon to say what attitude they would adopt in circumstances which they regard as purely hypothetical."

BRITAIN FRIENDLY

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom feel that the free intercourse on equal terms with other members of the British Commonwealth, which the Irish Free State have enjoyed under the treaty settlement, culminating in the Statute of Westminster, is the surest proof of their freedom to work out their own destiny within the Commonwealth."

"We believe that the natural associations between the two countries are such that a close and friendly relationship between them is essential to their full prosperity, and I would once again emphasise that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are and always have been most sincerely anxious to work in friendly co-operation with the Irish Free State as a member of the British Commonwealth."

Replying to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, Mr. Thomas emphasised that, as the dispute arose through the repudiation by the Free State of the obligations of the Anglo-Irish treaty, it was a matter between the two countries and he did not wish to bring any other Dominion into it. The British Government's desire and intention was not to close any door to an honourable settlement.

NO THREATS

Prior to reading the despatches Mr. Thomas had been asked if he would bring to the notice of the Irish Free State citizens, both in the United Kingdom and the Free State, the disadvantages they would suffer, both in status and in the way of entering the United Kingdom,

SANCIAN ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Lady Helpers Attend
Function On Ship.

PROGRAMME ARRANGED

On board the s.s. Hai Ning, yesterday afternoon, Captain Ellis Walker was host to a group of ladies interested in the Sancian Island Pilgrimage. The s.s. Hai Ning, which is to leave the Douglas wharf at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, will stop at Macao at 6 p.m. and will arrive at Sancian Island at daylight on Sunday morning.

A tentative programme was arranged for the religious exercises on the boat as follows:

Sermon by Rev. D. J. Finn, S. J. "Purpose of the Pilgrimage to Sancian"; choral and community singing by the passengers directed by Brother Jude Donnelly, M.M.

A souvenir programme containing hymns, words and music is in preparation, and will be distributed to the passengers.

The Chaplain to lead the prayers is the Rev. T. Conroy, S.J., the Rector of the Regional Seminary at Aberdeen. It is expected that about 30 priests will be on board, and the arrangements for the many Masses on the Hai Ning will be in charge of Rev. Father Kennedy S.J. of Wah Yan College.

The reception committee for ladies is Mrs. P. J. Sherry, Mrs. L. J. Barker, Miss Laura Loureiro and Miss Kitty Tsz Yan.

The gentlemen's reception committee consists of Bishop Walsh, and the Jesuit Fathers, Frs. Fleming, Martin, MacDonald, Moran, Garland and Foley, and Father Cairns, of Maryknoll.

The entire student body of the Regional Seminary at Aberdeen, 52 in number, will attend, and they will lead the singing among the Chinese passengers. A number of Chinese hymns and prayers have been printed and a Chaplain will be in charge. In addition to the Chinese sermon, there will be a stereopticon lecture in Cantonese, on the life of Saint Francis Xavier, by Rev. Mr. Joseph Yip.

Among those present at yesterday afternoon's social were Capt. Ellis Walker, of the "Hai Ning," Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mrs. C. L. Farmer, of Douglas Lapraik and Company, Rev. Robert J. Cairns, M.M., Rev. R. S. Brooks, of Sai Kung, New Territories, Mr. E. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Jack, Mrs. L. J. Barker, Mrs. A. R. Wellington, Mrs. A. Woods, Miss Laura Loureiro, Miss Angeline Chon, Miss Josephine Chon, Miss Kitty Tsz Yan, Mrs. J. H. W. Howie, and Mrs. P. J. Sherry.

Lectures On Board.

Some months ago, Miss Jean Armstrong who will attend the pilgrimage lectured in the several cinema theatres in Hong Kong, Canton and Macao, and showed the cinema of Saint Francis Xavier's Shrine and body at Goa. The cinema is entitled "Miracles at Goa."

She has just telegraphed from Shanghai, that she will reach Hong Kong on Friday by the Japanese Mail Boat, and will give a lecture and possibly show her cinema films, on board the "Hai Ning."

VOCATIONAL TALKS FOR CHINESE.

Guidance Given By
Prominent Men.

A Vocational Guidance Week is being sponsored by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. from December 11 to 17 when talks will be given each evening at 8 o'clock by men prominent in different fields of work. The programme is as follows:—Dec. 11, Agriculture, Mr. Fung Ki Cheuk; Dec. 12, Engineering, Mr. F. S. Louie; Dec. 13, Business, Dr. S. F. Lam; Dec. 14, Medicine, Dr. Tseung Fat Im; Dec. 15, Law, Mr. Peter H. Sin; Dec. 16, Civil Service, Mr. William H. Chen; Dec. 17, Education, Dr. Y. H. Tsao.

from the declaration of the Irish Free State as a Republic.

The Minister replied, "No, Sir, I do not feel that any steps such as those indicated are necessary. The contingency has not arisen, and I hope never will arise."

"Further, the advantages enjoyed by British subjects, as compared with aliens, in this country are sufficiently well known and appreciated."

—British Wireless Service.

DIRECTORS OPPOSED BY SHAREHOLDERS

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"The addition to Article 88 has been inserted merely to clarify the position. Our General Managers have always been entitled to be paid the rent of the office space used by the Company, and the alteration to Article 88 is merely confirmatory of this."

"The remuneration of Directors is increased by the proposed new Articles from \$1,000 per annum to \$2,000 per annum."

"Your Board have for some time past felt that their remuneration has been inadequate to the duties and responsibilities involved, and the new Ordinance has not only greatly increased the liabilities of a Director but has also limited in very severe manner the right to an indemnity from the Company which was formerly always given in the Articles of Association."

"I do not think that there are any other alterations or additions that call for explanation or comment."

"Your Board has been approached by certain shareholders on the subject of the Directors' remuneration and their share qualification and they will now have an opportunity of addressing you thereon if they so wish."

MR. CROUCHER OPPOSES INCREASE IN FEES

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher then said: "In view of the informal interviews some of the shareholders have had with you, Mr. Chairman, the Board of Directors has now been made aware that we propose to move an amendment deleting Article 91 from the Resolution submitted to us."

"I beg therefore to move an amendment that Article 91 be deleted altogether and I think I am right that the effect of this amendment, if carried, will be that the Directors' fees will revert automatically to the old scale of \$1,000 each."

Mr. Yeung Yau seconded the amendment.

Mr. J. Gould, in supporting Mr. Croucher, said that it was manifestly unfair to ask shareholders to sanction a large increase in the Directors' fees at a time other than at the annual general meeting, at a time when necessarily they are entirely in the dark as to how the Company's affairs are progressing, and he could see no valid reason why the practice of such a matter being dealt with at the annual general meeting should be departed from.

\$600,000 PROFIT IN THREE YEARS.

Mr. Braga's Figures.

Following Mr. Gould, Mr. J. P. Braga said:—"I will submit to you very concise figures of the Company's earnings for the past three years. They show that in 1930 the gross profit amounted to \$221,016.89, net profit to \$181,774.99, and a sum of \$150,000 was paid in dividends to shareholders. In 1931, gross profit was \$261,500.51, net profit \$214,810.36, and dividend and bonus paid to shareholders \$200,000. In 1932, gross profit totalled \$154,881.59, net profit \$117,417.04, and dividend to shareholders \$100,000. For those three years the Directors' fees amounted in the aggregate to \$15,000, which represents the following proportions:

—On gross profit 2.39 per cent.; on net profit 2.918 per cent.

"A Company that is capable of earning in gross profits over \$600,000 during the past three years, and distributed in dividends nearly \$500,000 to shareholders, or approximately 25 per cent. of the total capital of the Company, is not one as to the management of which the Directors need be ashamed. The figures are such as to disprove the contention that the Directors are sufficiently remunerated for the services they conscientiously rendered."

MR. SCOTT-HARSTON SUPPORTS PROPOSAL

Mr. J. C. Scott-Harston, following Mr. Braga said that, in his opinion, the increase in the Directors' fees indicated in the draft of the new Articles in question was fully warranted in view of the responsibilities and duties entailed upon the Directors, which had been added to under the new Companies Ordinances recently brought into effect.

The office of Director was far from being sinecure, he said, and was, to his mind, one which very obviously called for remuneration in keeping with the standard of the office itself, and he very strongly submitted that the Directors' present remuneration was far short of the proper standard.

Mr. Croucher's amendment was then put to the meeting and carried by a large majority, after which the Chairman proposed the following final resolution:

"That the Articles of Association contained in the printed document submitted to this Meeting as amended by substituting the figure '\$1,000' for the figures '\$2,000' in Article 91 thereof, and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman of the meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Articles of Association of the Company."

This was seconded by Mr. Croucher and carried.

HOUSEBREAKING AND THEFT.

Unemployed Man Gaoled

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed by Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Au Ming, unemployed, for housebreaking and theft.

Inspector Murphy stated that defendant admitted breaking into an unoccupied house at 85 Jervois Street on December 5, by pushing in the door, which was nailed on the inside, and stealing some carpenter's tools, the property of one Tang Ho.

INQUEST ON LATE MR. PINQUET.

Jury's Verdict.

The enquiry into the death of Mr. Ernest Louis Pinquet, who died as the result of a gunshot wound in the chest at his bungalow at Lion's Head Farm, Kowloon Tong, on October 25, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when the jury returned a verdict that "deceased committed suicide while in a depressed state of mind, but was not insane."

Mr. Wynne-Jones sat as Coroner and the jury consisted of Messrs. F. Kern (foreman), T. A. Pearce and G. H. White.

ROTARY MEETING YESTERDAY.

Charitable Work In
Shanghai.

PROFESSOR SHELLSHEAR ON
ORIGIN OF SPEECH.

At the usual weekly tiffin yesterday of the local Rotary Club, held at Gloucester Building, Dr. J. L. Shellshear, Professor of Anatomy at the Hong Kong University, explained the origin of human speech.

Rotarian T. B. Wilson presided, and welcomed from leave Rotarians Dr. G. D. R. Black and L. C. F. Bellamy. He also welcomed Hon. Mr. S. W. Ts'o back after his indisposition. Other guests present were Lieut. Cmdr. Besant, R.N., Rotarian Hugo Sandro, president of the Shanghai Club, and Rotarian Henry of Wilmington, Ohio.

Rotarian Sandro mentioned that the northern Club was holding its annual ball on December 14, the object being to raise \$10,000 to build a way to the Convalescent Home. He mentioned that they had already raised \$30,000 to build a school for poor Russian children.

Rotarian D. C. Howland, he said, had successfully organised Clubs at Amoy and Hankow and hoped to start a Club at Nanking within two weeks (applause).

LOCAL ENGLISH ASSOCIATION.

Miss H. D. Sawyer Reads
Interesting Paper.

The Hong Kong branch of the English Association held its second meeting of the season at the Helena May Institute yesterday, Mr. N. L. Smith, Director of Education and a Vice-President of the Association, presiding.

Others present included Professor Middleton Smith, Professor Simpson, the Hon. K. H. Kowall, Bishop R. O. Hall, and Mr. G. P. de Martin. Miss H. D. Sawyer, Headmistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, read a paper on "The teaching of English in Schools," in which she dealt exhaustively with her subject, more particularly as it was affected by local conditions.

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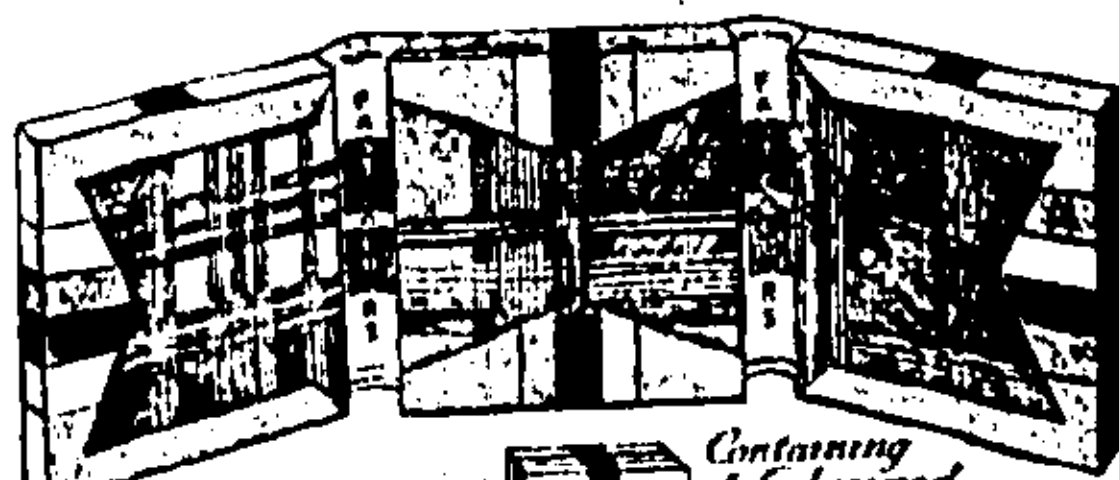
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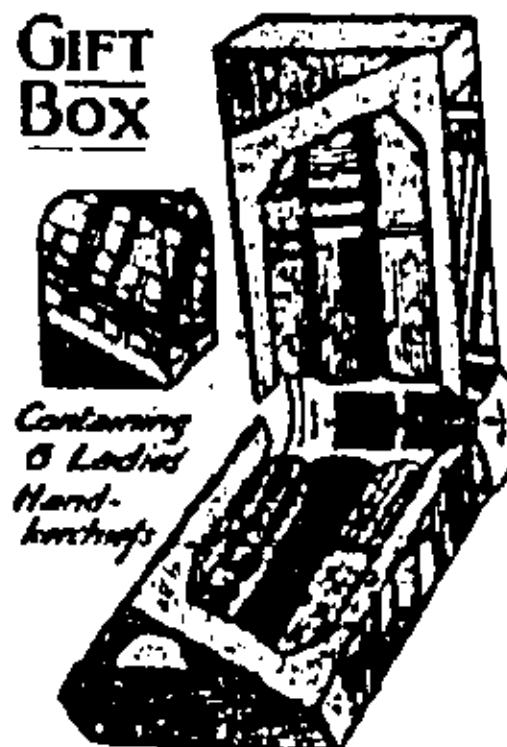


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MARRIAGE

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son of William Henry Bell of 374
The Peak, Hong Kong, and the
late Mrs. Nora Bell, to CATHE-
RINE ISABEL, second daughter
of Mrs. Isabel Marion Dow of 9
Montague Avenue, Brockley, Lon-
don, and the late James Markham
Dow.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec 6, 1933.

Rhodes And America.

In the space of fourteen years Cecil Rhodes made four wills. Each reflected his increasing wealth, his growing sense of responsibility, and his soaring, but quite impersonal, aspirations. All were inspired by the same central idea—the widening of Anglo-Saxon influence with a view to securing the peace of the world. Rhodes had vision, but he was no unpractical dreamer. He had struggled in the hurly-burly of the business world, and reached a position in which he could further the fulfilment of an ambition steadily fructifying in his mind since the rough-and-tumble days of Kimberley. He had an abiding faith in the cultural value of the older seats of learning in England, particularly Oxford, his own University. He wished to make them accessible to young men to whom in ordinary circumstances they would be denied. His gaze crossed the Atlantic to a new and vigorous people, who, he was assured, had inherited codes and standards similar to those of Britain. A clause of his last will runs: "I desire to encourage and foster an appreciation of the advantages which I implicitly believe will result from the union of English-speaking peoples throughout the world, and to encourage in the students from the United States of North America who will benefit from the scholarships to be established . . . an attachment to the country from which they have sprung, but without, I hope, withdrawing them or their sympathies from the land of their adoption or birth." Under Rhodes's dispensation each American State selects a candidate for two years in succession. There is then a lacuna for one year, and thereafter the process is resumed. The scholarship is tenable for three years, and this means that there are always 96 American Rhodes scholars pursuing courses at Oxford, and every third year 144. The infusion began in 1903, and suspended by the war, has con-

tinued ever since. At the outset there was criticism on both sides. In a novel, "Zuleika Dobson," a serio-comic picture of Oxford life, Mr. Max Beerbohm said that a weakness of Rhodes's plan is that "colonial scholars love Oxford too much, and American scholars love her too little." The barb was sharpened a few years ago at the annual banquet—a very ceremonial occasion—given by the Rhodes trustees to the scholars. An American orator, a recipient of Rhodes's bounty, brought somewhat of a rebuff to attention by declaring that Oxford was an effete, indolent, and altogether obsolete institution. Nothing happened. Oxford is used to attacks. The programme of toasts was fulfilled, and the author of the flamboyant gesture must have felt rather small. Still, it is natural that the American should have more difficulty in settling down at Oxford than his cousins from the dominions and colonies. Their education has been shaped on British lines. Their universities are modelled on those of England and Scotland, and they are acquainted with the college system, which tempers individual responsibility with a sense of corporate discipline. Many American scholars have not quite the same background. Nevertheless, it would be absurd to suggest that their sojourn at Oxford has not profited American Rhodes scholars and their own country greatly, not perhaps in the market place, but in the preservation of imperishables. Any man who, after a few years at Oxford, cannot glimpse something of England's secret has wasted his time. In a recent number of the "Hilbert Journal" Dr. C. F. Thwing, surveys the achievements of repatriated American Rhodes scholars. Dr. Thwing is a Reserve University. A cosmopolitan and a close observer of educational tendencies, he is unlikely to be duped by patriotism or blinded by parochialism. He enumerates a list of American Oxonians who have become Judges, eminent divines, professors, respected lawyers, prominent journalists, and leading business executives. Dr. Thwing is satisfied that each in his degree is doing his best to carry out the intentions of the testator. Each is a focus of good feeling. But, continues Dr. Thwing, "it is to be constantly borne in mind that the oldest of the Rhodes scholars are scarcely fifty years of age, and that the average age represents hardly more than the middle of the fourth decade of their lives." Moreover, many careers were rudely interrupted and energies sapped by the demands of the war. It is gratifying to hear this testimony from such a quarter. Rhodes had long views and no illusions. He sowed his

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

On The Road To Sarajevo

Count Adam Tarnowski, who lectured on Polish foreign policy at King's College recently, played a part, unwittingly, in the events that led to the European War. In 1910, when he was one of the ablest diplomats of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Count Tarnowski was sent to London to persuade the late Lord Grey to agree to the Austrian annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1912 he left London with his mission accomplished. And two years later the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, by a Bosnian patriot at the secret instigation of the Serbs. When war had broken out, Count Tarnowski again played an important part in European history. He was now—as a reward for his diplomatic triumph in London—Austrian Minister in Sofia. There he persuaded Ferdinand of Bulgaria to desert his historic ally Russia, and enter the war on the side of the Central Empires. Count Tarnowski was thereupon promoted to be Austrian Ambassador to Washington, but there his extraordinary luck deserted him. Three months after his arrival America declared war on Germany.

Your Daily Smile

A DEAL.

"I can't live without your daughter, sir."
"Right; I'll pay for the funeral!"
Figuring It Out.

A very pretty and well-made actress was receiving going lessons from the professional. To his amazement, he soon discovered that she could play quite well.

One day he said:
"Well, it's a strange thing, but although your stance is shocking, your form is pretty good."
"Is it?" said the actress, smiling coyly. "I'm so glad you think so. But you'd hardly believe how hard I have to diet to keep it like that."

DOWN AND OUT

Mary: "Bertie seems to have the air of a Man About Town."
May: "Perhaps so, but he's got the bank account of a Man About Down."

From Bad to Worse

A South African farmer met one of his servants while returning from a few days' visit to a market town.

"Hallo, Joe!" he said, noting the man's solemn expression. "Bad news?"

"Yes, sir," said the man. "Your pet lion is dead."

"H'm! What happened?" asked the farmer.

"Too much horseflesh, I think," said Joe.

"Where did he get that from?" asked the farmer.

"From the horses," went on Joe.

"Why, are they dead, too? What did they die of?" the other persisted.

"They died the night after they were used to carry water to the fire," Joe told him.

"Fire! What fire?" the farmer asked.

"Your house," came the reply.

Facts You Did Not Know.

An electric lamp has been designed to be built into a door to illuminate the keyhole when a button is touched.

Germans claim to have developed a motor using a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen at less expense than gasoline.

Perfume has been added to a new paraffin block for waxing flat-irons to add a pleasing scent to garments ironed.

Of English invention is a loading machine that places lump coal in ships without breakage and spreads it evenly.

Need confident that it would sprout, and his confidence seems to have been justified. The German scholars were added as an afterthought, but on the war memorials erected by Oxford colleges the names of German scholars are inscribed.

COLONIES' CUSTOMS UNION

FAR EASTERN EMPIRE NEGLECTED

DUTCH MENACE TO ENGLAND

(By A. A. B.)

Lord Beaverbrook, with the perseverance of genius and with the tenacity of a man who knows his own mind, has not ceased to dwell on the necessity of a Customs Union with the Colonies. Ottawa, after all, was an affair of the Dominions, and did not affect the self-governing and Crown Colonies. I want to know what Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has done to promote a Customs Union with the Colonies. Our Far Eastern Empire, consisting of Malaya, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon, once the legitimate boast of our statesmen, is now apparently overlooked and neglected. It is not that those colonies produce no commodities of importance. Malaya and Ceylon between them produce tin, copper and tea and rubber.

I want to know what Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has done to protect these commodities from the competition of the Dutch. We have made quota arrangements with Holland, with Denmark, and with Norway and Sweden, but nobody has taken the least step to protect Malaya and Ceylon from the ruin into which they are tumbling from the competition of the cheap produce of Java. There was a time, not ten years ago, when the rubber industry of Malaya and Ceylon was computed at the capital value of 100 millions, and it certainly yielded 20 millions of revenue, which was very useful to the Exchequer.

Output Restriction Needed

There is, to my knowledge and from my experience, one method only of raising the price of primary commodities, namely, to restrict the output until it meets more or less on equal terms with the demand. Indeed, that is rather the problem of the whole modern world; there is plenty of money and too many commodities. We starve in the midst of plenty, because our rulers are too stupid to take this obvious step to make demand and supply meet.

In 1912 the internal combustion engine had stolen a march on the supply of rubber, which reached the abnormal figure of 12s. 6d. the pound. It could not stay there, nor did we wish that it should, but in 1922, what was known as the Stevenson Scheme was allowed to emerge from Whitehall. By this scheme, which operated a sliding scale, the price of rubber was adjusted to the supply. Rubber then reached between four and five shillings a pound.

The only objection to this scheme that I ever heard was that it enabled the Dutch "to make money on our backs." That is to say, the Dutch refused to enter the Stevenson Scheme and to share the restriction which our prudence and forbearance imposed on ourselves. Consequently, they were enabled to sell their rubber produced by Asiatics at the enhanced price without any restriction. It is perfectly true in a sense that they were making money on our backs, but it was surely better for somebody to make money on our backs than for two nations to starve.

Let the Dutch make money on our backs, provided there is money made.

Mr. Hoover's Denouncement

The operation of the Stevenson Scheme was interrupted by the intervention of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Baldwin, neither of whom knew anything whatever about the rubber industry. Mr. Hoover was at that time a candidate for the Presidency of America, and to secure cheap rubber was to gain the friendship and support of Mr. Ford. Hoover went on what was called an intensive educational tour, which was in effect nothing but a political move.

Hoover declared that what he chose to call "the British monopoly of rubber" was an offence committed against God's own country, which was entitled all the world over to cheap raw material. Indeed, he went so far in his electioneering tour as to say that the maintenance of a high price for rubber by Great Britain was "an unfriendly act," thus using the strongest term in diplomacy to threaten Great Britain.

The Foreign Office sent out a man to stem this tornado of abuse, without the least effect. Mr. Baldwin was then in power for the second time, and with that subservience to the United States which has always characterised our diplomacy for the last ten years, he hastily made up his mind that this device for keeping up the price of rubber for the British planters must cease, and he took steps to secure this end.

Stevenson Scheme Stopped
The result was the Committee of Civil Research, which decided that the Stevenson Scheme should cease in six months' time.

The market was flooded by cheap rubber produced by Asiatics from Java, and the price fell from 4/- or 5/- a pound to 2d. a pound, and the majority of rubber companies were ruined.

What was Mr. Baldwin's object in thus thrusting his finger into an industry of which he knew nothing? I never could discover, unless it was the thoroughly contemptible one of kowtowing to the Americans, as he had done with the Debt Settlement. With admirable audacity the Prime Minister pretended that America had nothing to do with his action. If so, it is rather remarkable that his stoppage of the Stevenson Scheme should have followed immediately upon Mr. Hoover's election tour.

Whether or no the planters will succeed in coming to terms with the Dutch about some scheme of restriction I do not know. Some people think that an agreement will be reached, others think not. In either event there remains on record the case of two of our richest colonies in the East being abandoned without the slightest effort on the part of the Colonial Office to protect their interests.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has not stirred a finger to protect them from the competition from Java, although he bullies the Arabs, and the members of the Government talk without ceasing about quotas with Denmark and Sweden. Why not with Java? Why could not the Colonial Secretary have told the Dutch plainly that if they could not find a way of keeping in step with the British planters we should impose a high duty on their cheap and nasty tea with which they now flood the world?

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NINE KILLED BY "DUD" SHELLS.

Yugo-Slavia's Casualties From War Relics.

Belgrade.

Nine people have been killed and 12 seriously injured in Yugo-Slavia this year by the explosion of "dud" shells and bombs left over after the Great War.

The latest victim, Svetozar Mihailovich, was fatally injured when a shell he picked up on the Gutuch Mountain went off in his hand.

He was looking for old ammunition to dismantle and sell as scrap metal.

When his wife and son rushed up he was still alive, but died soon after.—Reuter.

GIRL FASTS FOR FIVE MONTHS.

Medicos Interested In Unique Case.

Vigo, Spain.

A 15-year-old Vigo girl, Celan Fernandez, has lived entirely without eating or drinking for five months.

She is apparently normal and healthy, but lacks all desire for food.

Doctors are watching her case with great interest. Although she seems happy she is known to have suffered from hysteria in the past.

Some people believe that Celan has been bewitched.—Reuter.

DIRECTORS OPPOSED BY SHAREHOLDERS

NO INCREASE IN FEES

NEW AMENDMENTS AT HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S MEETING.

A proposal to double the scale of the Directors' fees, and to include a clause to this effect in the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company, was met with strong opposition on the part of the shareholders of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., at an extraordinary general meeting called this morning to consider and pass, if thought fit, the proposed Articles.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. She-wan Tomes and Company, 8a, Des Voeux Road Central, at 11.30 this morning, at which the following special resolution was proposed:—

"That as on and from the date of the passing of this resolution the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing Articles thereof."

The suggested new Articles of Association are similar to the existing Articles subject to clerical alterations and re-phrasing and to alterations considered desirable by reason of the recent coming into force of the Companies Ordinance 1932.

By the new Articles of Association, power is given to the Directors to issue shares at a discount, subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1932, to revoke any call or to extend the time for payment and, in cases where capital is paid in advance, to agree that such capital may participate in profits instead of carrying interest at an agreed rate.

Twenty-one days' notice must now be given for a meeting at which a Special Resolution is to be proposed.

The Directors have power to refuse to register a transfer of fully or partly-paid shares to a transferee of whom they do not approve.

Article 91 of the proposed new Articles of Association, raising the remuneration of the Directors from \$1,000 each to \$2,000 annually was the subject of an amendment, which was carried, the Directors' fees thus remaining unchanged.

Many Present.

Mr. A. L. Shields, the Chairman, presided and was supported by Mr. J. Scott-Harston, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Directors, Mr. F. J. Tavares, Assistant Secretary and Mr. M. H. Turner, representing the Company's solicitors.

The following shareholders of the Company were present:—Messrs. Ngai Sze-yam, Wong Pak-fun, Shum Hip-tong, M. J. Gan, Mok Ching, J. Gould, J. M. N. da Silva, N. V. A. Croucher, Mok Ying-ke, Liang Hau-yuen, Dr. F. H. Kew, P. H. Sin, J. F. Grose, H. G. Greaves, A. J. Edgar, F. M. Ellis, Choa Po-mun, L. Will, H. Dreyer, W. McLean, A. A. Botelho, C. W. L. Cole, Tang Kit-wai, Wong Kit-wan, Tong Lee-man, K. C. Mark, I. W. She-wan, Sooi Pui-chen, Pang Wai-hang, J. Sau-nam, Chau Shui-yui, E. Abraham, F. A. Xavier, Tso Wai, Mok Ying-pui, Wong Wing-hong, W. A. Zimmermann, H. F. Campbell, J. A. Harriman, J. Dick and Mrs. Yuen Fung-shi.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, Mr. A. L. Shields, addressing the shareholders, said: "Gentlemen, as indicated in the notice which the Secretary has just read this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, adopting the draft new Articles of Association of the Company. On the coming into operation of the First July last, of the Companies Ordinance 1932 it was found that the present Articles of Association of the Company conflicted in certain respects with the provisions of that Ordinance and were therefore not only inaccurate but misleading. In these circumstances therefore a revision of the Company's Articles became necessary, and

advantage was taken of this necessity to have the whole of our Articles revised and brought up to date. There are therefore a number of new Articles which are not rendered necessary by the new Ordinance, but which have been inserted or revised for the more convenient working and administration of the Company.

"The powers to issue shares at a discount (Article 4) and to issue redeemable preference shares (Article 49) are both new, and they have been included, as a Company cannot do either of these things without being authorised to do so by its Articles. If these powers were omitted therefore, it would be necessary if the Company ever wanted to issue shares at a discount or to issue redeemable preference shares for them first to alter their Articles of Association. I wish to make it quite clear that this power would only be used under special circumstances, and that before any issue of shares at a discount can take place the Companies Ordinance requires that the consent of the shareholders be obtained by the passing of a Special Resolution and thereafter sanctioned by the Court before any such issue is made.

"Another new Article is that which restricts the Company from declaring any larger dividend or bonus than that recommended by the board of Directors. This is in accordance with modern practice, and is a provision which is now generally inserted in the Articles of Association of companies.

"The power which the Board of Directors formerly had to refuse to register a transfer of partly paid shares to a person of whom they did not approve has been extended to enable the Directors in similar circumstances to refuse a transfer of fully paid shares, and the Board are also given power to arrange for capital called up in advance to participate in profits instead of bearing interest at an agreed rate.

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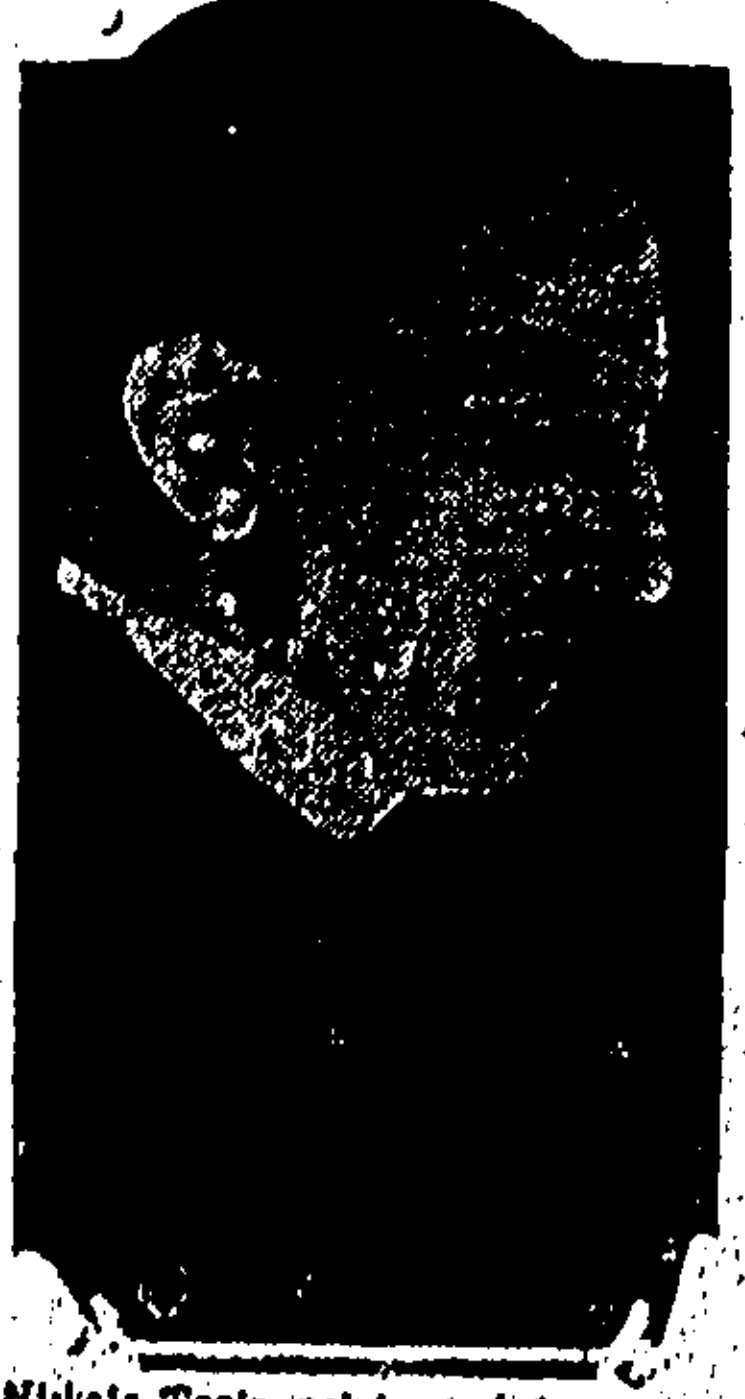
ACCIDENT OUTSIDE MURRAY BARRACKS

Soldier Knocked Down By Taxicab.

Private Jenkins, of the South Wales Borderers, was knocked down in Queen's Road East, outside the Murray Barracks at about 2.15 this afternoon by taxi No. 663 belonging to the Star Taxicab Company.

Private Jenkins was taken to the Military Hospital, but his injuries, it is stated, are not serious.

Power Revolution?



Nikola Tesla, celebrated American inventor and physicist, who predicted that a new source of power, displacing coal, oil, gas and other established fuels, will be available everywhere "at a date not distant." The inventor said he spent thirty years experimenting with devices to harness cosmic energy.

U.S. BARGAINING WITH FUKIEN?

Planes In Exchange For Island Near Amoy.

"RELIABLE" REPORT IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day. Japanese official quarters claim to have received a report from a "reliable source" that the Fukien secessionist Government is secretly negotiating with the United States for the supply of a number of aeroplanes in return for the cession of Chin-Man Island, opposite Amoy, to the United States.

The Japanese authorities are of the opinion that, if confirmation of this report is obtained, the Japanese Government will lodge a protest, calling China's attention to the importance of maintaining the territorial integrity of Fukien. — Central News Agency.

NEW MOVE TO SOLVE FUKIEN EMBROGGLIO.

SOUTHERN LEADERS SUGGEST SHANGHAI CONFERENCE

Shanghai, To-day. A new movement, by political leaders in the South for the settlement of the Fukien revolt by peaceful means is afoot.

The plan they suggest includes the holding of a National Affairs Conference at Shanghai which will deal with all outstanding problems, and with the Conference being realised the so-called People's Government in Fukien should be abolished.

They believe that this plan would be acceptable to the moderate elements of the rebel Government. — Central News Agency.

LEAN YEAR FOR CHARITIES

H.K.S.P.C. Work Under \$4,219 Deficit.

918 NEW CASES DEALT WITH

Faced with a deficit from 1932 of \$4,219.19, the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children adopted a conservative policy for the year ending October 31, 1932, according to the Society's fourth annual report.

During the year under review the Society has investigated and dealt with 918 new cases affecting the welfare of 1,525 children, the number of cases being 37 in excess of those for the previous year.

In the great majority of the cases there was a genuine need for the Society's help, but in a few cases it was found that parents whose means did not justify that course were seeking to obtain free supplies of milk foods. Cases of this type were dropped after warning as to the necessity for fulfilling parental responsibilities.

Infant Mortality Down.

To the increased attention now paid to child welfare may be attributed the fact that although in 1932 the number of Chinese births registered showed an increase of 1,100 over the figure for the previous year, the number of deaths dropped by 500.

The vicious circle of poverty, over-crowding and disease conditions, as heretofore, the enemy which the Society has to fight and it is recognised that, save in its educational work and in those cases in which it finds employment, the relief which it brings is but a palliative and does not remove the underlying causes, the report states.

Though this may be felt to be an unsatisfactory state of affairs, it is at least a consolation to know that the Society is instrumental in preventing much unnecessary suffering and in saving many lives, it adds.

Your Committee looks forward to the fulfilment of the promise of the Government that an Infant Welfare Centre will be established in Kowloon in 1934.

Your Committee would regard as ideal the establishment of an Infant Welfare Centre in each of the Society's Districts and its arrangement by which the Society's Inspectors could have their offices in the premises of the Centres and thus maintain the closest possible liaison with the Medical Officers in charge. The proper function of the Inspector would be that of almoner to the Centre.

Your Committee cannot sufficient

To-day's Short Story.

THE SINNER

By Pauline Smith.

NIKLAAS DAMPERS, the bijwoner who worked Mijneer van Reenen's lands near Platkops dorp, was fifty-six years old when his favourite daughter Saartje married and went to live with her husband in the Philip district. Niklaas had prayed that Saartje might never leave him, and the Lord's strange answer to his prayer filled his mind with an unreasoning hatred of his ten remaining children and of his wife Toontje.

The bijwoner was a small, weak, religious man, with pale red-riddled eyes, arms that seemed too long for his body, and a heart that was full of bitterness and the fear of the Lord. Of all his children, it seemed to him now, Saartje alone had loved him, and if he had ever loved his wife he had long ago forgotten it.

Toontje was a tall, patient, silent woman, who shared with none the secrets of her soul. God might know what Toontje hid in her heart, but in all their years of poverty together Niklaas had never fathomed it, and now that Saartje had left him his wife's patience and silence, and his own increasing hatred of her, became a torture which drove the bijwoner to the verge of madness. And it did drive him to Koba Nool for comfort.

Jacoba Nool, a stranger to the district, and but lately come to Platkops dorp on a visit to her uncle, the bijwoner Godlieb Nool, whose lands came next to those of Niklaas Dampers. Koba was a plump unmarried woman of forty, with a round, childish face, a tongue like a running sluice, and a gentle sing-song voice. On Sundays, with an air of great simplicity and innocence, she wore a sprigged cotton gown and a hat trimmed with ribbons.

All other women of her age in the bijwoning class were plain black dresses and black calico sunbonnets, and Koba's hat made much talk among them. So also did her hand-mirror, which was rimmed with little shells and set with larger shells at the back.

JAPANESE WARSHIP AT FUKIEN.

Warships Returning From Exercises.

The Japanese Destroyer Hokaze arrived at Pagoda Anchorage yesterday, state the Naval authorities. H. M. S. Cumberland and Suffolk, of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, H. M. S. Medway, Depot Ship to the Fourth Submarine Flotilla, H. M. S. Bruce, Submarine Tender, and the Submarines Odin, Otus, Olympus, Perseus, Pandora and Proteus, are expected back from their exercises to-day.

The Japanese River Gunboat Saga is expected to arrive from Canton this afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy, with light rain and fresh north-easterly winds, improving later, is the forecast issued to-day by the Royal Observatory.

ly express their thanks to Doctors MacGown, McElney, Durran and Matthews for the very fine work which they have done at the Hospital and Clinic since its inception. Staff Changes.

Further changes in the honorary administrative staff will be necessary in 1934.

Mr. Hazlerigg relinquishes office as Hon. Director at the end of the present year. The Society has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. M. A. Cooper, of the Hong Kong University, who will act as Joint Honorary Directors.

Mr. P. E. Barker goes on leave to England in the Spring and it is hoped that Mr. A. McKellar will undertake in his place the work of Joint Hon. Treasurer. Mr. L. Holthuis proposes to resign from the office of Joint Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam has indicated his desire to relinquish the Hon. Secretaryship of the Western District, and Mr. Frank Hingman Kwok has kindly consented to administer this Branch.

The annual meeting will be held on December 14.

Such a mirror had never before been seen by any bijwoner's wife or daughter in the Platkops district. Many strange things were whispered about it, and many more about Koba herself, who, when her work was done, would sit out in the yard or down by the river, flashing her mirror in the sun.

Of the mirror and of the whispers about Koba Niklaas knew nothing. Toontje had never spoken of them to him, and his own distress of mind was now so great that he himself spoke to none whom he might avoid.

For many years this weak, harsh, embittered man had feared the Lord and worshipped Him. For many years he had believed that at the last the Lord would deal justly with such righteousness as his and visit vengeance upon all such sinners as were most other men in the Platkops district. Through all his years of poverty this alone had been his comfort. And now because

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Million-Dollar Bond Robbery," by Agatha Christie.

Saartje had loved a stranger from the Philip district and left her parents to marry him neither righteousness nor sin, neither justice nor vengeance had any meaning for the bijwoner, and he searched for his God in vain.

Towards the end of February month, by Mijneer van Reenen's orders, Niklaas had begun to cut his tobacco, and it was now hanging in open shelters on the land to dry. Andries van Reenen was a hard master, whose one passion, even now when men said that he was dying, was the tobacco he grew on his various lands throughout the Platkops district. Any bijwoner who did not plant, weed, cut, dry, strip, dip, and twist to please him be dismissed without pity, and all men knew it.

Niklaas, a good servant, was never, in the tobacco season, without fear of this dismissal. This year the crop had been good, and his master, for the moment, was satisfied.

But in a few weeks now the tobacco would be dry, and then, waiting for a dewy night to soften the leaves, the bijwoner must take the stalks from the shelters and begin to "strip". If a man stripped the leaves from the stalks in weather that was too dry the leaves crumbled, and would not afterwards "twist". If he stripped them in weather that was too damp they mildewed. A dewy night he must wait for if the wrath of Mijneer were not to overtake him.

All this Niklaas knew, but it was not of this that he thought as he walked across the hot, empty lands, from shelter to shelter, one still March day. Mijneer van Reenen might be merciless to his bijwoners if they failed with his tobacco, but no man, it seemed to Niklaas now, could be so merciless to another as God had been to him in taking Saartje to Philip dorp and leaving Toontje in Platkops. If the Lord now, by some miracle, had taken Toontje to Philip and left Saartje in Platkops how gladly would he have praised Him! But God was no longer his friend. God was, in fact, but another Toontje.... as patient, and as secret, and as silent. This thought brought the bijwoner to the bank of the river. And as he stood there with his soul in a torment of hatred that now embraced both his wife and the Almighty, Koba Nool, with a little giggle from down below him, flashed her mirror up on to his face, on to his shirt sleeve, on to the bushes and stones that lay between them, and drew him slowly, slowly, down the bank towards her.

The bijwoner could never afterwards remember how he reached the river-bed, but presently, he found himself seated by Koba's side with the mirror in his hands. Niklaas, who had never seen the sea, held the mirror back towards him, and drew his fingers gently over the smooth round shells. Koba, who had been to Zandbaai, and seen not only the sea but the ships that sail upon it, told him, in her gentle sing-song voice, many strange and wonderful things about it.

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THE SINNER

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Then suddenly, with a little giggle, she twisted the mirror round, and Niklaas saw before him part of his own wild and sorrowful face, and part of Koba Nool's plump, round, childish one pressing against it. Giggling still, Koba twisted the mirror back, then round again, then back and round and round till Niklaas, who saw his face only on Sundays, in a small cracked piece of looking-glass that Toontje kept in a drawer, was like a drunken man in his bewilderment.

And because his heart was empty now of all sense of righteousness and sin, of all fear of justice and of vengeance, there swept into it a wild tumult of desire that was but another madness.

Three weeks later, while Niklaas's tobacco still hung in its shatters, Toontje went, a calm inscrutable woman in a black calico gown and sunbonnet, to the farm of Mijneer van Reenen, which lay an hour by foot from Platkops dorp. Here Andries van Reenen, a rich man and a hard master, respected and feared, but loved by none even among his own family, was dying slowly of stone in the bladder. Toontje's father had been one of his many buyers, on lands that he once had owned and afterwards sold, in the Komhuis—a valley which lay to the north of the district among the Zwartkops foothills.

Not for many years had Toontje visited the farm, and not once since her marriage had she spoken with her master alone. When she came to the house the old man sat out on the stoep in a big iron-wood chair made specially for his comfort.

His face was grey and drawn, and he answered her greeting with an abrupt, bitter "Good day." In her youth in the Komhuis this tall patient woman, so quiet in her speech, so controlled in all her movements, had been free and beautiful to him as a roe-buck in the mountains. But he did not now remember it, and saw in her only the bearer of news about that last passion of his life, his tobacco.

"How goes it?" he asked. "Mijneer," answered Toontje, "the tobacco dries well. But look how it is! Five and twenty years has Niklaas worked for Mijneer, and a good servant has he been, but now a madness has come upon him and up to the Komhuis with Koba Nool he has gone, and is working tobacco there for the Hollander."

"Niklaas?" In the Komhuis! cried his master, incredulous. And he added in a sudden blaze of anger, "May his soul burn in hell and Koba's also."

"Mijneer," said the wife in her quiet level voice, "may God forgive him in his madness, but is it for Mijneer and me to judge him?"

"Fool," thundered the old man, "are you then also mad?" And Toontje answered: "Mijneer knows that once I was mad. Mijneer knows how my madness ended. Did Mijneer never himself go up to the Komhuis? Or is it that he has perhaps forgotten?"

"Toontje!" cried the old man, his mind moving, slow and bewildered, from his tobacco to the past. "Toontje!"

"Andries!" For a moment their eyes met, and in that moment the secret which Toontje hid in her heart and Niklaas had never fathomed, lay bared

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between them. The moment passed, and as if it had never been, the wife, calm, inscrutable, said to her master:

"Mijneer, see how it is. My son Ockert is now sixteen years, and if Mijneer will but trust his tobacco to Ockert and me, so soon as it is dry, after the first dewy night, we will strip and afterwards do all as it should be done till Niklaas comes again from the Komhuis. Mijneer knows that such a madness will not last, and Mijneer knows that I will serve him well. Have I not served Mijneer for more than Niklaas's five-and-twenty years? And what is it that I ask of him now but still to serve him?"

"And is this then all that you will have of me," asked the old man slowly. "You that once lived for me in the Komhuis?"

"Mijneer, there is but one thing more. If Mijneer will but say, to all that speak of it, that he himself has sent Niklaas up to the Komhuis, to see how the Hollander works his tobacco..."

In a flash, in that passion for his tobacco which through all his months of terrible dying was still to hold him, Andries van Reenen's anger flared up afresh.

"And to save your husband Niklaas you ask me this," he cried. "A fool that could leave his tobacco and you for Koba Nool?"

"Mijneer! Mijneer!" answered Toontje, "did I not marry the fool to save the master?"

Again the old man's mind went slowly back to the past. "God forgive me that and many other things," he said. "Go. I will say it."

That night Toontje made up a small bundle of clothing for Niklaas, and with great labour wrote him a letter. This letter she slipped into the bundle, but in the middle of the night she rose, with-drew the letter, and after adding a simple sentence again inserted it.

Nett day she took the bundle up to the morning market and, finding a wagon there from the Komhuis, gave it to the driver to deliver to Niklaas. And to those that stood by her she said:

"Look now! Up to the Komhuis has the master sent Niklaas, to see how the Hollander works his tobacco, and the lands by the river he has left to Ockert and me."

Up in the Komhuis—that most beautiful and most isolated of all the valleys among the Zwartkops foothills—Niklaas, having abandoned his wife and his children, his lands and his tobacco, his conscience and his God, now lived in a mud-walled, one-roomed hut with Koba Nool and worked for his new master the Hollander.

The Hollander was a young and ambitious man who had built a small factory in the valley and was working tobacco there in ways that were new and strange to Niklaas. Koba's ways were also strange to him, and, as the fever of his madness subsided, it seemed to the wife that this plump, pleasant and rather greedy woman, with her gentle chatter and her little giggle, was as secret as his own wife Toontje. Toontje's silence, it dawned upon him slowly, hid no more from him than did Koba's talk, which was often now as bewildering to him as was her mirror.

The mirror she kept in a little cardboard box shaped like a coffin, and there came a day when Niklaas found her down by the Hollander's gaily-painted house flashing her mirror in the sun. When questioned, she giggled, slipped the mirror into its box, and said, in her gentle

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sing-song voice:

"Ach no, then, Niklaas! Leave me and my mirror alone, or I also one day will be sending your clothes after you like your wife Toontje!"

The bundle which Toontje had sent him was stowed away on top of the mud, wall under the thatch, and because of Koba's jeers Niklaas had never opened it.

This meeting, for Niklaas, was the beginning of a vague uneasiness about Koba which steadily increased as her disappearances from the hut became more and more frequent and prolonged. In the factory also the wife was far from happy, and there was constant friction between him and his new master.

No man in all the Komhuis valley knew more about Platkops tobacco than Niklaas had learned in his long service with Mijneer van Reenen, but he parted with his knowledge to the Hollander in a spirit of bitter, contemptuous niggardliness which not only the young man, but Koba Nool, resented.

One day Koba said to him strangely: "Ach no, then, Niklaas! Did I not bring you here to please the Hollander, and now you will not please him?"

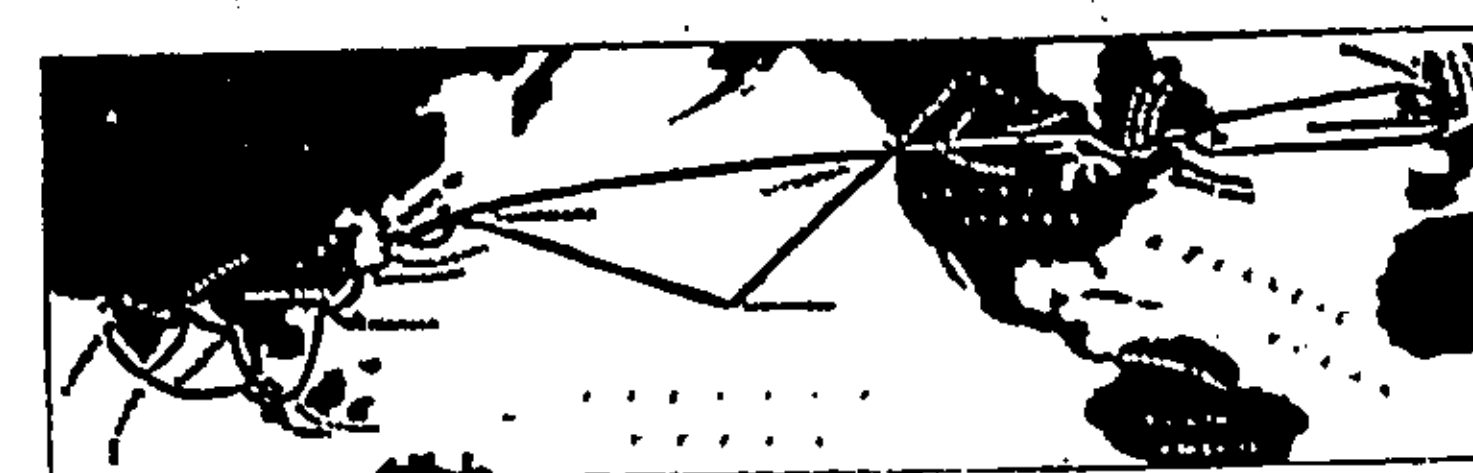
"But Koba," said Niklaas, "was it only for this that we came to the Komhuis... to please the Hollander?"

"Ach no, then," answered Koba. "Such a nice young man as the Hollander is, who would not wish to please him? Rich he is and all, and did he not need such a man as you, that knows all about Platkops tobacco, when I brought you here to help him?"

"But, Koba," began Niklaas again.

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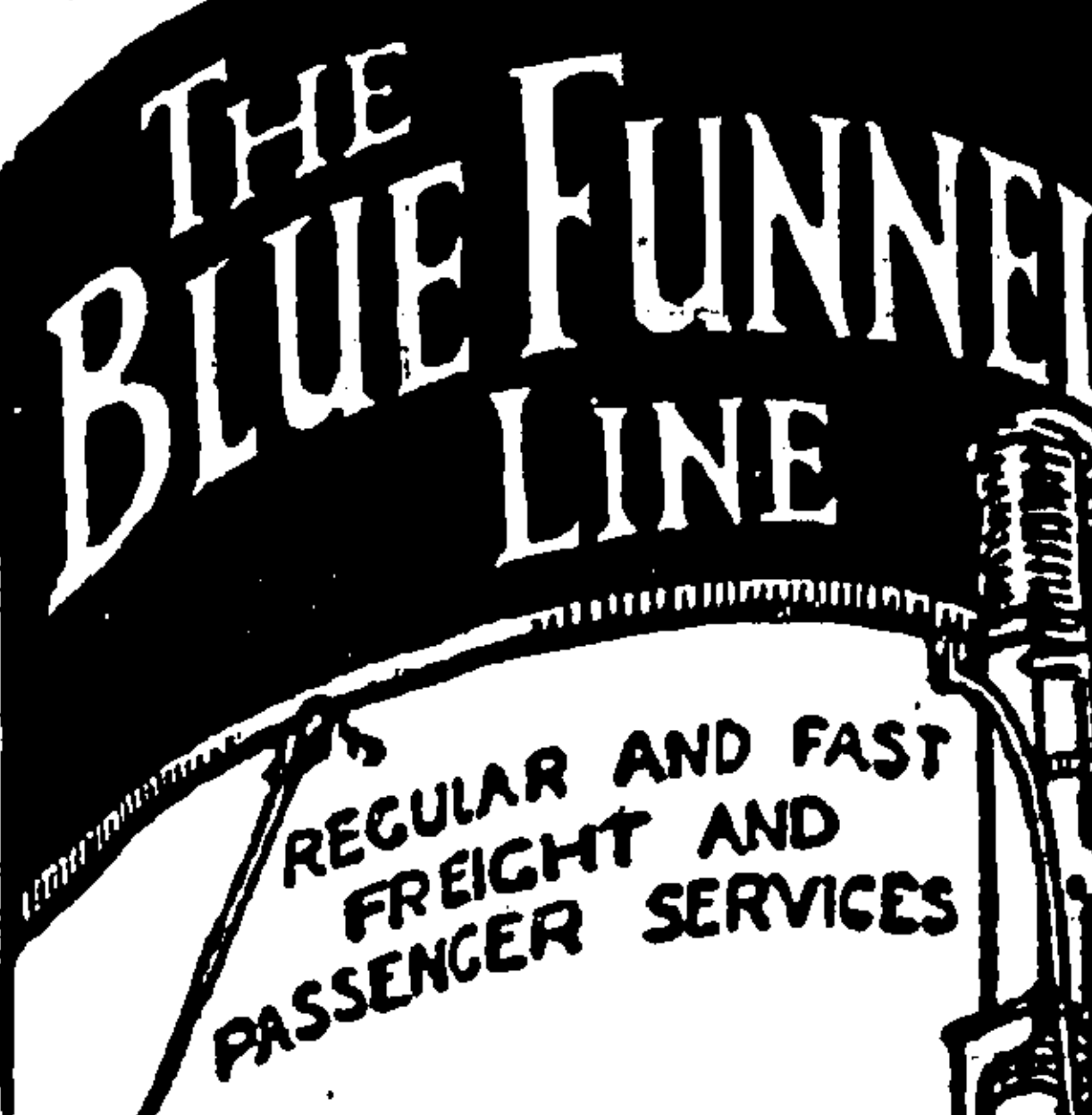
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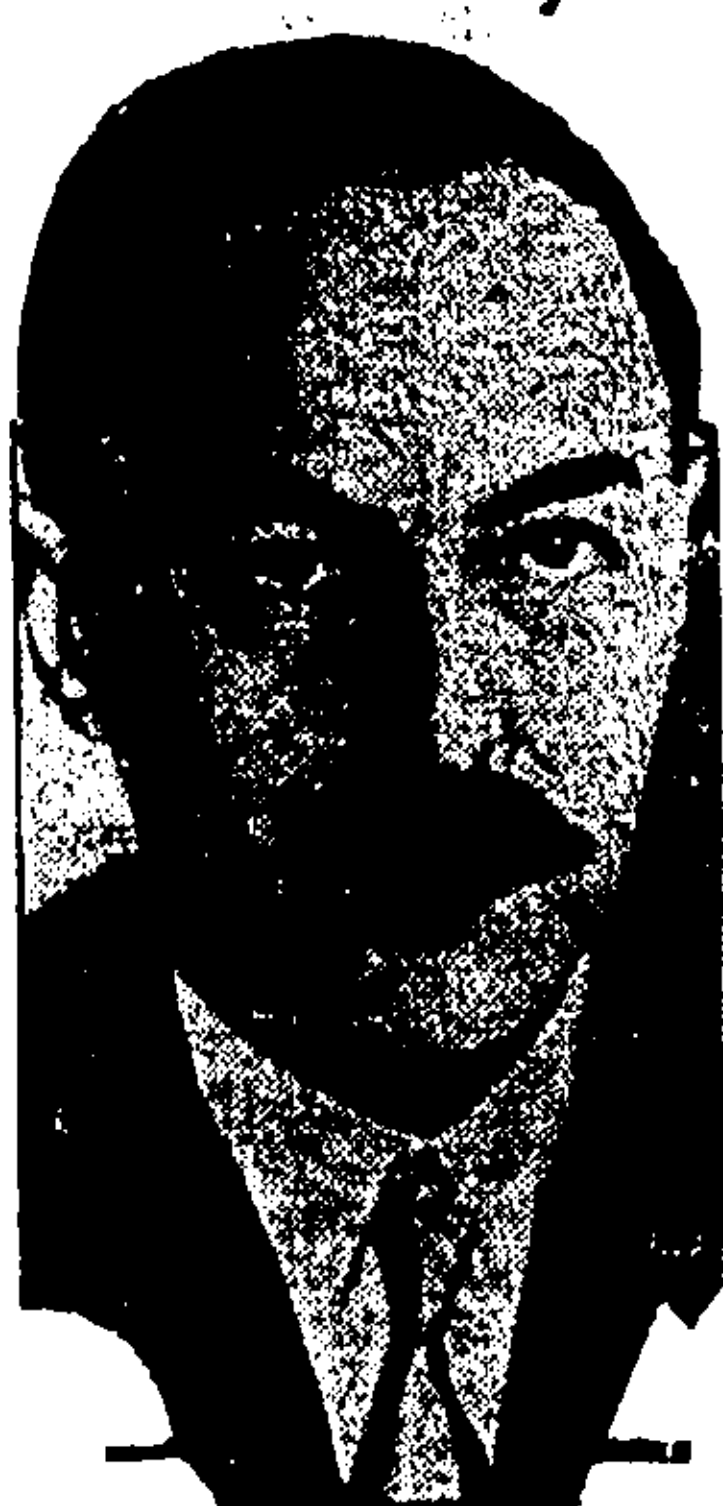
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TANDA	7,000	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
COMORIN	15,000	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
BURDWAN	6,000	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Soviet Envoy?



M. Sokolnikoff, Soviet Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs, who was reported to be the first Soviet Ambassador to Washington, following the granting of America's recognition to M. Trotsky's government, was appointed to the post on November 20.

CIVILIANS SHOULD BEAT CHINESE

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On the other hand it would be a better idea to include both in support of Leung Wing-chui, having Leung In-shan on the right and Lai Kwok-wai on the left. This would constitute a half back trio hard to better in the colony. Tung Kwong-sun is easily the best right winger the Chinese now possess, and an ideal partner for him would be Wong Mei-shun, whose bustling display among the South China forwards is always a danger to the opposing defence.

Fung King-cheung would be supported by Tam Kong-pak and Li Hung-ching, of the Athletic, on the left wing.

Civilians Favoured

The Civilians are favourites for the game as their defence as it now stands will be hard to pierce, the Gosano-Strange partnership constituting the greatest obstacle to the Chinese forwards—and they have an excellent and speedy forward line.

Fung King-cheung will have a good man in Beltrao opposite him, and will have to resort to short-passing tactics with Tam in order to pierce the Civilian's halves, while Wong Mei-shun, who really is the "danger," will be watched by the brilliant A. V. Gosano.

Howe, since his injury sustained in the South China-Club game, has not fully recovered and should he drop out of the forward line, Ward may be given the inside right position with Elliott moving to centre forward.

SCOTLAND'S CHANCES BRIGHT IN INTERNATIONAL

(Continued from Page 4.)

Scotland's chances last year were nullified by a weak half back line, but with Boydland and Yeoman, both of the Argyls, the latter being of international fame, and Andy Duncan the line is a very formidable one.

G. Duncan, the Club's second string forward, caused the first sensation in the series last year by netting Scotland's first goal with a first-time effort. He will again be available for the centre forward position and should this time be supported by two more Argyls in McQuade and Reid, both good men and deadly sharpshooters.

Wing Difficulties

The wing positions will constitute the main difficulty, as both Bands of the R.A.S.C. and McDonald of the Artillery, who filled these positions in the last series, are now away from the Colony.

Wales will be the same team with probably (77) Jones among the halves instead of Underwood and Whelan instead of Channings of the Police.

Should Scotland play the men from the Argyls and fill those wing positions with moderately good men I can see them entering the Second Round where they meet England.

THE SINNER

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"Ach no, then, Niklaas!" interrupted Koba. "If the Hollander says to you 'Go!' where will you go? To your daughter Saartje or your wife Toontje. Say for me now, which will it be?"

Niklaas could not say, and knew that Koba knew it. That night he lay for long awake, and in the new anxiety which Koba's question had aroused, the conscience which he had so triumphantly abandoned in his flight from Platkops regained its possession of his soul. His sense of righteousness and sin returned to him, his fear of justice and of vengeance, and he who had once counted himself among the elect now knew himself to be among the damned.

In the days that followed so great became his distress that he tried even to speak with Koba of their sin. But no regrets for the past, no fears for the future, had ever troubled Koba, and she would not oblige the weak and repentant Niklaas, allow them to trouble her now.

"Ach no, then, Niklaas," she said, "surely now if you talk to me as both you and your clothes after you will send out of the Kombuis, and when then will you go?"

And Niklaas saw himself for ever prisoner in the Kombuis, a sinner who had sold himself to Koba Noos and the Devil.

In September month Niklaas planted out for the Hollander the tobacco which had been sown for him in April. The lands lay some distance from the factory, and here Niklaas was free from both Koba and his master, but this freedom brought no peace to his soul.

His thoughts, burdened always now by the sense of his sin, went back in a dull hopeless brooding to his own lands near Platkops dorp, to his wife Toontje for whom his hatred had long since died down, to his children, and to Saartje in the Philip district. In the lands, he thought, a stranger must now be planting out tobacco for Mijneer van Reenen as he was here planting it out for the Hollander. But where, when his hard and pitiless old master had turned them off his lands had Toontje gone with the children?

There was but one thing she could do, he thought, and he saw his children adopted into the homes of others, as the children of poor whites were sometimes adopted and Toontje herself in the house of strangers. So, he thought, was his sin, and their shame, published to all the world in Platkops dorp.

There came a day when Niklaas, in a drifting, aimless misery of remorse and indecision, ceased working in the lands and went down to the factory. As he neared the Hollander's gay blue wooden house he saw Koba on the steps of the stoep.

She wore her sprigged cotton gown and her hat trimmed with ribbons, and sat there flashing her mirror in the sun. As Niklaas watched her the Hollander himself came out of the house and sat down beside her. Niklaas heard Koba's little-giggle and her pleasant singing, "Ach no, then, Mijneer!" as the Hollander put his arm round her waist.

For a moment he lingered. Then as Koba, pressing her face, against the Hollander's, held the mirror up before them, the bijwoner turned and fled.

When he came, exhausted, to the hut, Niklaas was clear about one thing only—he was no longer Koba's prisoner. With no thought but of escape he gathered together his few possessions, adding Toontje's bundle to the rest, and left the hut.

ARMY CENTRE FORWARD PROBLEM

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The inclusion of Robertson in the right half position undoubtedly had much to do with the bottling up of South China's dangerous left wing, and he will probably fill this position again on Saturday. Langmead, Smith, and Hudspeth will be the real danger to the Army goal and should be blocked at all costs. Thomas, was was ordered off the field in the game against South China, is not likely to play, but, should he be able to play, the selectors could do no better than include him as the pivot, for he is really a first-class player.

On Saturday Robertson will be given a very big responsibility blocking the Ridley-Hocquard wing, and, should he be successful, the Navy can rest assured of victory.

Making his way along a low line of kopies, bright with spring flowers, he left the valley behind him and came at last, after several hours, to the Platkops-Philip dorp road. Here he was brought to a sudden halt, for by that road a man must travel either south or north. And neither south to Platkops, where his children were bonded like slaves, nor north to Philip dorp, where his shame would be Saartje's could he now go.

His way must lie to the east, ahead of him, among the pathless foothills by which in time he might come to the Ghamka pass and so through the mountains to the Malgas district. The Malgas district, in the Great Karoo, was dry and waterless, and no tobacco was grown there. All his life he had lived in tobacco lands, but now to Malgas he must go, and live how and where he could.

He turned aside to the shelter of a prickly-pear thicket, and sat there, a weak, foolish, suffering and repentant old man, staring hopelessly with pale red-lidded eyes at the road before him.

He thought again of his tobacco lands down by the river near Platkops dorp, of Toontje and his children, of Saartje, and through his soul there swept a desolation such as he had never before endured.

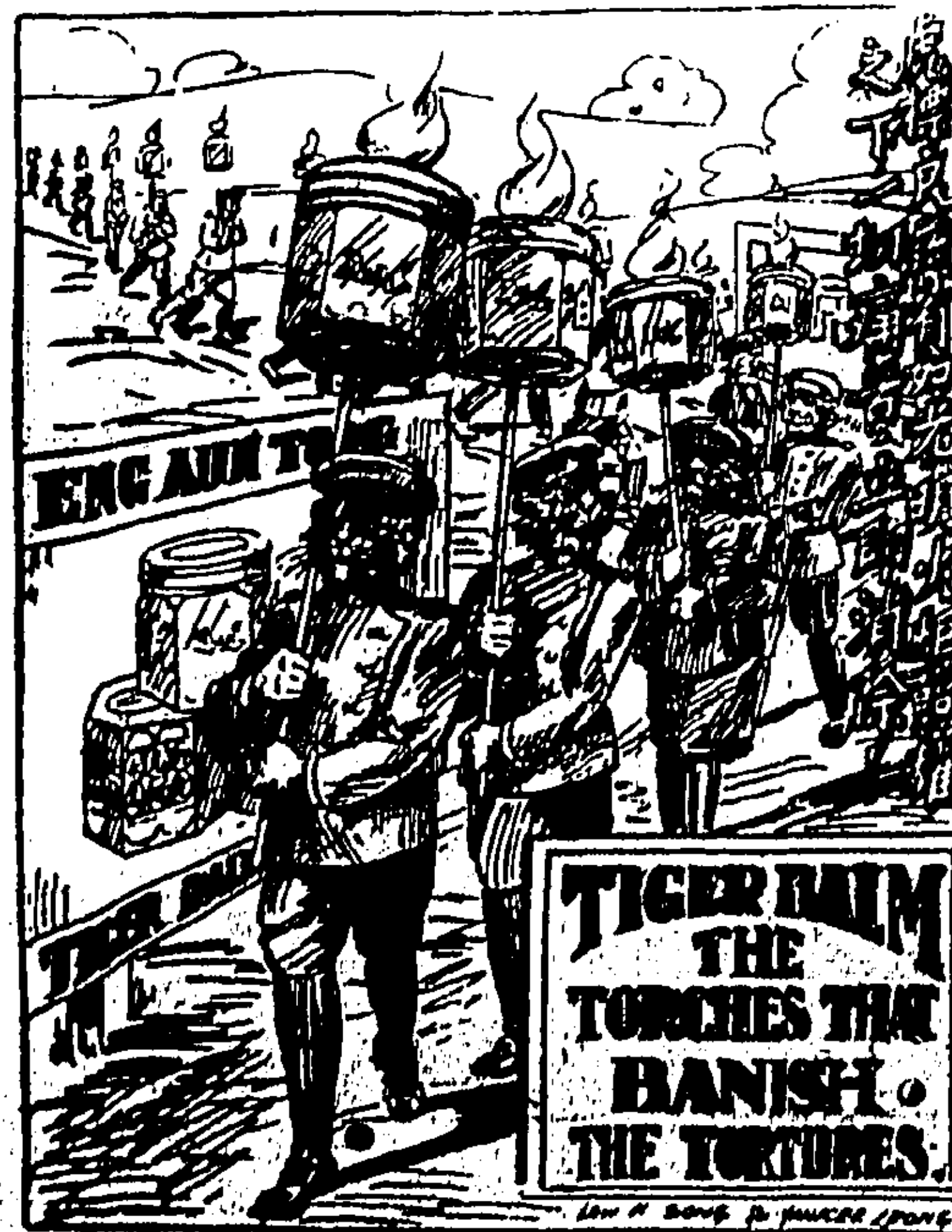
Around him all the veld was gay as a carpet with flowers, and close to where he sat was a bright crimson cluster that made him think of the burning bush out of which the Lord had once spoken to Moses. But the Lord never now spoke to His people, and who was he, a sinner from the Kombuis, that the Lord should speak to him?

He turned from the flowers and began rearranging his bundles for the trek to Malgas. A slip of paper fluttered out on to the ground, and he stopped to pick it up. Laboriously, holding it close to his pale week eyes, he spelled out Toontje's letter.

"Niklaas," it ran, "the master told me this day that he will leave the lands to Ockert and me till you come again to Platkops dorp, and to all that speak of it, he says that he himself has sent you to the Kombuis to see how the Hollander works his tobacco. This I will tell to our daughter Saartje, for surely, Niklaas, when your madness leaves you, you will come again to our children and me.—Toontje."

And then came that sentence which Toontje had risen in the night to add: "God forgive me, Niklaas, if I should judge you, for there is not one of us that has not sinned."

Many, many times did Niklaas read this letter before its meaning became clear to him, and then it was as if in pity and forgiveness God Himself had spoken. With stupid, stumbling fingers, and eyes made redder than ever with tears, he tied his bundles together and took the road to Platkops dorp.



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Athens, To-day.
It is reliably learned that the American financier Mr. Samuel Insull, who is wanted for fraud, will be requested to leave Greece on the expiration of his police permit. It is declared that the Greek Government not wishing to disturb the Greco-American friendly relations, have decided on this course on the ground that Mr. Insull has no passport, the American authorities having withdrawn it. Mr. Insull will be given a *laissez passer* for the country to which he chooses to proceed.—Reuter.

GAOL FOR FISHING WITH DYNAMITE.

Wholesale Waste In Portuguese Waters.

Lisbon.
By using dynamite, the crew of the fishing-boat "Santa Cruz" are said to have killed three times the number of sardines they could take aboard.

In consequence, the captain of the boat has been sentenced to 4 months imprisonment and forbidden to fish for a year. The owners of the boat have been fined £100.—Reuter.

OBSTRUCTION OF GANGWAYS.

Lee Theatre Licensee
Fined \$25.

At the resumed hearing at the Central Police Court this morning of the summons against Mr. Lee Hy-lap, licensee of the Lee Theatre, for permitting the gangways in the theatre to be obstructed by bamboo trestles, ladders and decorating material, Mr. P. T. K. Kemble, counsel for the defendant, pleaded guilty. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Referring to his visit to the theatre, Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, said that he understood how the obstruction arose, but the Fire Department had to take action, even if it was not a serious offence.

NAILS FOUND IN APPLES.

Thought To Be Work Of Lunatic.

Hjortkvarn, Sweden.
The servant of a local doctor working in his master's orchard happened to taste an apple and discovered a headless nail embedded in it.

He tasted some more, and on opening a number of them found that hundreds of the apples had nails, from which the heads had been clipped off, in them. (Continued at Foot of Next Column)

POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Unemployed Chinese
Fined \$7,500.

Fun Piu, an unemployed Chinese, was brought before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning, on two charges of unlawful possession of 20 tael of prepared opium and 980 tael of raw opium.

He was arrested on Monday evening on the 3rd floor of 1 North Street. Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined \$2,500, in default nine months on the first charge, and \$5,000, in default 12 months, on the second.

NO MUZZLE, NO LICENSE.

Mr. P. T. Farrell Fined \$8 And \$4.

At the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. P. T. Farrell, of 6 Kennedy Road, was fined \$8 for allowing his dog to be at large unmuzzled and \$4 for failing to license it.

Mr. M. A. Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant.

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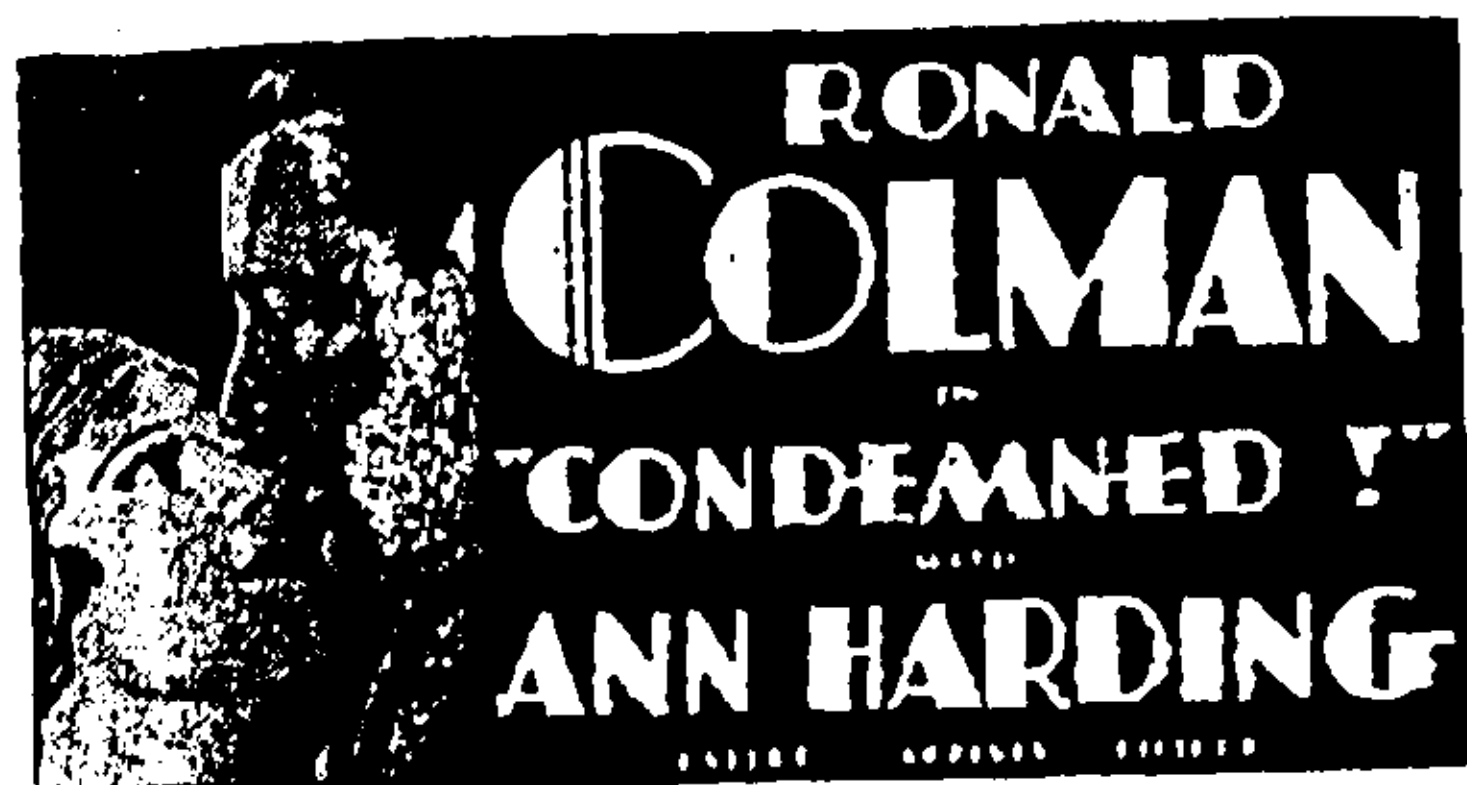
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